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The Jewish Calendar

"The Jewish calendar is the catechism of the Jews."

— Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch

The calendar shapes Jewish life and gives expression to the Jewish worldview. The deepest values and aspirations of the faith are revealed by the content of and the relationships among our holidays. The calendar is a solar-adjusted lunar system. The months average twenty-nine and a half days, resulting in a 354-day year. To ensure that festivals fall in their proper season, a thirteenth month is added in seven of every nineteen years.

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"The holy days are the unbroken master code of Judaism."

– Rabbi Irving Greenberg

Festivals and Holy Days

A religion's sacred occasions ref ect its history and beliefs. Holidays from our past commemorate ancient events, while newer holidays mark seminal developments of later times. The chief elements of the Jewish People's sacred seasons are: the cycles of nature and the natural world's beneficence; historic triumphs and tragedies, in all their power and promise; and the messianic hope to perfect our character and our world, in partnership with God.

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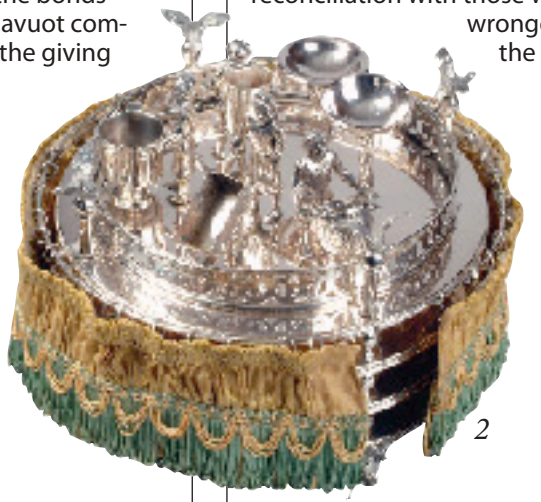
"Three times a year you shall hold a festival for Me."

– Exodus 23:14

The Pilgrim Festivals: Nature and History

The Three "Pilgrim Festivals" are Pesach, Passover, in early spring; Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks, in late spring; and Sukkot, the Feast of Booths, in the autumn. In ancient times, Israelite males made pilgrimages to Jerusalem to celebrate the festivals. Pesach celebrates the liberation of our people from Egyptian bondage and nature's release from the bonds of winter. Shavuot commemorates the giving of Torah and the successful completion of the early harvest. Sukkot rejoices in God's providence during our forty-year journey from Egypt to the Promised Land, as well as the fullness of the autumn harvest.



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"Our Parent, our Sovereign, hear our voice!"

—High Holy Day Prayer boo

The High Holy Days

The "Ten Days of Repentance" from Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, through Yom Kippur, The Day of Atonement, call for "an accounting of the soul." On Rosh Hashanah we express our hope for a sweet new year with apples and honey, reaffirm God's sovereignty and our need to make a new beginning with the sounding of the shofar, a ram's horn, and symbolically cast away our sins. On Yom Kippur we fast to enhance our concentration on spiritual matters; we confess our sins and seek reconciliation with those we have wronged during the past year.

"From grief and mourning to festive joy."

– Esther 9:22)

History-Based Holidays: The Past as Prologue

The eternal lessons of monumental events in Jewish history come alive each year in rituals of remembering and reenactment. Purim, the Feast of Lots, celebrates the story from the biblical book of Esther, in which a plot to exterminate the Jews is foiled by a woman of courage. Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, commemorates the rededication of the Jerusalem Temple and the regaining of religious freedom after the Maccabean victory over the vastly more powerful Assyrian Greeks. Tisha B'av, the ninth day of the month of Av, is a day of fasting on which some of the most painful and catastrophic events of Jewish history are remembered.

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MITZVAH DAY * TOT SHABBAT * B'NAI MITZVAH * ANN ARBOR REFORM TEMPLE YOUTH (AARTY) * RELIGIOUS SCHOOL * LUNCH WITH THE TORAH * WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY * RISHONIM * MEN'S TORAH STUDY * BEIT CAFE * SUKKAT SHALOM * ADULT HEBREW * SISTERHOOD * MOVIE WEDNESDAY * TWENTIES N THIRTIES * PURIM CARNIVAL * RENAISSANCE GROUP * KADIMA * ADULT PURIM PARTY * FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN * CHANUKAH BAZAAR * FOOD DRIVES * BROTHERHOOD * SPIRITUALITY BOOK CLUB * HEBREW SCHOOL * SHABBAT DINNER * SHIRA * JEWISH HIKERS OF MICHIGAN * SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY * GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP * SOCIAL ACTION * DECEMBER 25TH MOVIE * HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES * ADULT CHOIR * CONFIRMATION * CARING COMMUNITY * BACK DOOR FOOD PANTRY * CONSTRUCTIVE CONVERSATIONS * INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK AT ALPHA HOUSE * GENESIS * JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL * BROTHERHOOD SHABBAT BBQ * SECOND NIGHT PASSOVER SEDER * COMMUNITY * ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH * HIGH SCHOOL SHIR CHADASH * YOUTH CHOIR * MADRACHIM * ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH CLEI KODESH * TORAH TROP * SHABBATON * FRIDAY THANKSGIVING * BG BRIDGE * KOL HALEV * ADULT BAND * YOUTH BAND * MAH JONGG * BASIC JEWISH DAYS OF AWESOME * COFFEE CORNER * SWEET BEGINNINGS * PIZZA IN THE SUKKAH * NATIONAL AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEMPLE YOUTH (NFTY)-MI * ALPHA HOUSE ROTATING SHELTER * DAMES DINNER * BROTHERHOOD LATKE DINNER * ALL ENSEMBLE CONCERT * YIZKOR * CONSECRATION * CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC * POPSICLE ONEG * NEW MEMBER BRUNCH * NFTY WINTER KALLAH * NFTY SPRING KALLAH * PRE-SCHOOL 3 * DELONIS CENTER * AARTY CEDAR POINT TRIP * AARTY SKI TRIP * ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK * GENESIS WORK DAYS * PARENT LEARNING * WEEKLY TORAH VIDEOS * DAILY TORAH PORTION STUDY * HEBREW 102 * HEBREW 103 * BIRTHDAY OF THE WORLD * KEVER AVOT * BREAK-THE-FAST * SHOFAR CORPS * 8TH GRADE NEW YORK CITY TRIP * SUKKAH VISITS * HOLOCAUST MUSEUM VISIT * PIZZA IN THE PARK * KINDERGARDEN TORAH STORIES * SHALOM STREET TRIP * HAVDALAH PROGRAM * TU B'SHEVAT SEDER * MODEL SEDER * LIFECYCLE EVENTS * JEWISH FOOD ETHICS * ISRAEL TOUR * LA'AGAM TOUR * ROSH HASHANAH * YOM * PESACH * SIMCHAT TORAH * SHAVUOT * HAVDALAH * S * NEILAH * JOINT STC/TBE MUSIC CONCERT * CHAPEL SERVICE ICE TORAH STORIES * FAMILY EDUCATION * SISTERHOOD SHABBAT * H SIT * JEWISH DETROIT TOUR * SIT 'N KNIT * POT LUCK DINNERS * TNT C ILS * TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT * DETROIT EASTERN MARKET TOUR * YEAR C ITE * SPRING FLING CONCERT * CELEBRATE ISRAEL * JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL * MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

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The Jewish Calendar

"In memory lies the secret of redemption."

(Baal Shem Tov)

Modern Observances

The 20th century produced some of the most horrible events of Jewish history and some of the most miraculous. Their meaning is captured through new holidays. Yom Hashoah v'Ha-Gevurah, Holocaust and Heroism Commemoration Day, memorializes the six million Jews killed by the Nazis and their collaborators and celebrates the courage of those who resisted the evildoers. Yom Ha-atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, celebrates the 1948 creation of the State of Israel as the culmination of 2000 years of hope and prayer. Yom Yerushalayim, Jerusalem Reunification Day, recalls the day in 1967 when Jewish soldiers recaptured the Old City of Jerusalem and reunited the city in which Jews have lived since the days of King David.

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JEWISH HOLIDAYS, 5773 (2012/2013)

All holidays begin at sunset the preceding evening

Rosh Hashanah	September 17
Yom Kippur	September 26
Sukkot	October 1-7
Shemini Atzeret	October 8
Simchat Torah	October 9
Chanukah	December 9-16
Tu B'Shevat	January 26
Purim	February 24
Passover	March 26-April 2
Yom HaShoah	April 7
Yom HaZikaron	April 14
Yom HaAtzmaut	April 15
Lag B'Omer	April 28
Yom Yerushalayim	May 8
Shavuot	May 15
Tisha B'Av	July 16

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Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage: An American Story

Opened in 2005, The Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage joined an elite group of world-class institutions as a living testament to the courage, conviction and achievements of Cleveland's Jewish community. The stories of individuals and families – past and present – come to life through state-of-the-art exhibitions, interactives and films, oral histories, photographs and artifacts. The Museum includes The Temple-Tifereth Israel Gallery, an internationally-recognized collection of Judaica, and an exhibition gallery featuring important exhibitions of national and international acclaim.

For information about hours, admission, programs, the Museum Store and special exhibitions, visit www.MaltzJewishMuseum.org or phone (216) 593-0575. The Museum is located at 2929 Richmond Road, Beachwood, Ohio.

Washtenaw Jewish News aims and principles

- To provide the Jewish community of Washtenaw County with a quality newspaper that will present news of Jewish interest with a priority on local news.
- To offer commentary, interpretation and authentic background on events of the day, as a means of stimulating the concern and response vital to the fulfillment of our responsibilities as members of the Jewish community.
- To enrich the life of both individuals and the community through the presentation of features, articles, reviews and other material of Jewish content and interest.
- To provide a forum for comment by members of the community wishing to express their viewpoints on matters of Jewish interest.

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At the center of a wonderfully diverse and welcoming Jewish community, the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor celebrates and strengthens Jewish life at home, in Israel and around the world.

Federation sponsors a wide variety of social, educational, cultural and scholarship programs throughout the year, including seminars and lectures, trips to Israel and community celebrations. Federation's fall "Main Event" brings together hundreds of community members to share an evening of community education and fellowship, and is a highlight of its annual campaign in support of Ann Arbor's vibrant Jewish communal life. In the spring, Celebrate Israel is a festive celebration of Israel Independence Day.

The 2012 annual campaign raised over $1.3 million from 1,100 donor families. In addition to supporting local Jewish agencies and overseas partners (see allocations sidebar) the Federation supports projects in Israel and around the world that reflect the unique progressive character of Ann Arbor. The Federation is an active participant in the Michigan/Central Galilee Partnership 2000 project, anchored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Detroit. Since 2007, Ann Arbor has had a special relationship with Moshav Nahalal, involving numerous programs and visits aimed at strengthening the Jewish identity and connectedness of both communities.

The strength of the Federation comes from its many volunteers and active participants in the annual campaign, community programs, affinity groups and committees. The Federation welcomes inquiries from new and existing community members who are interested in exploring ways to be involved or simply to learn more about Jewish life in Washtenaw County

Jewish Federation Of Greater Ann Arbor 2011 Allocations

Total Allocable Dollars	**$1,320,000**

Local Allocations

Ann Arbor Eruv	$500
Chabad of Ann Arbor	$5,000
Hebrew Day School	$94,000
Hillel at EMU	$11,650
Hillel at UM	$5,000
Israel Scholarships	$5,000
Jewish Community Center	$143,000
Jewish Community Foundation*	$52,220
Jewish Community Impact Fund**	$39,000
Jewish Educators Council	$5,000
Jewish Family Services	$103,750
Jewish Federation Administration*	$95,970
Jewish Federation Campaign*	$149,740
Jewish Federation Program Services*	$220,070
Jewish Summer Camp Scholarships	$5,000
Keshet Ann Arbor	$12,750
Michigan Israel Business Bridge	$6,000
Michigan Jewish Professionals	$500
Reserve for Unmet Pledges	$40,000
Total Local Allocations	**$994,150**

Non-Local Allocations

Birthright Israel	$5,000
Hand in Hand Schools	$5,000
InterAgency Task Force on Israel/Arab Issues	1$1,000
JAFI Net@	$15,000
JDC Welfare Relief in the FSU	$25,000
JFNA Fair Share Dues	$52,283
JFNA Collective Overseas	$173,067
Jewish Council for Public Affairs Dues	$1,500
Partnership 2Gether Ann Arbor/Nahalal	$34,000
Partnership 2Gether Staff Support (JAFI)	$14,000
Total Non-Local Allocations	**$325,850**

**** Components of the total Federation allocation***

*****Impact Fund Detail***

Beth Israel Cong. *(Oral and Video History Project)*	$10,000
HDS *(Family Education Project)*	$3,000
JCC *(Teen Leadership Council)*	$6,000
Sukkah Arbor *(Sukkah Design/Build Competition)*	$10,000
UM Hillel *(Israel Fellow)*	$10,000

Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor

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The Jewish Community Foundation is operated by the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor and exists to ensure that the high quality of Jewish life will continue in Washtenaw County for community members' children and grandchildren. The Foundation serves as custodian for many of the endowment funds of area Jewish agencies and congregations assisting them to fulfill their future needs and dreams. Beth Israel Congregation, Chabad House, Hebrew Day School, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor, Jewish Family Services and Temple Beth Emeth all partner with the Jewish Community Foundation to secure the financial future of the Jewish community.

The Foundation's board of directors is empowered to receive gifts and bequests of cash, stocks and property from individuals, corporations and other entities. The Foundation can help donors fulfill their philanthropic goals while addressing their estate planning and tax needs, through the creation of donor-advised funds, permanent restricted and unrestricted endowment funds, charitable trusts and gift annuities. The Jewish Community Foundation enables donors to assure that the institutions and programs in the community that they value will be available in perpetuity while leaving their own personal legacy in the community.

Contact the director of the Foundation or the executive directors of any of the partner organizations to consult confidentially about planned giving opportunities.

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As an agency in Washtenaw County that serves a diverse, international population, the mission of Jewish Family Services (JFS) is to create solutions, promote dignity and inspire humanity. JFS provides programs and services that support the entire community in congruence with the Jewish value of tikkun olam, or repairing the world. JFS Community Services and Employment Services programs are accredited by CARF International. JFS services are Medicare and Blue Cross Blue Shield approved.

OLDER ADULT SERVICES

Geriatric social workers provide case management, assessment, counseling, home visits, patient advocacy, crisis intervention, information, and referrals for older adults and their families. Volunteers offer friendly visiting and telephone reassurance to homebound seniors. Through its Patient Partners Concierge™ medical accompaniment program, JFS has trained volunteers to accompany older adults to the physician's office in order to listen, advocate, and return with a written report for accurate follow up by the client or caregiver

CAREGIVER SUPPORT SERVICES

The JFS Caregiver Concierge assists local and long distance caregivers in managing the care of their older parents or loved ones. This program provides support through an extensive menu of services including information and referrals, facilitated introductions to facilities and service providers, Caregiver Consultations, monthly Caregiver Conversations support groups, educational workshops, and more.

NEW AMERICAN PROGRAM

The New American Community Club assists foreign-born older adults in accessing social and medical services, offers support, and promotes the process of acculturation and integration into the larger community though a wide range of direct services and programs.

CLINICAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

JFS offers professional, effective and confidential assessment and counseling services to individuals, couples and families of all ages to help restore emotional balance in their lives.

Other services available include information and referral to community resources, a food pantry with kosher and halal items as well as food for other specialized diets, clothing, and other types of emergency assistance.

EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER SERVICES

JFS provides individualized services and guidance to job seekers in order to alleviate barriers to long-term, sustainable employment. The program also offers a wide range of specialized services for non-English speakers in our county participating in the Jobs, Education & Training (JET) program.

RESETTLEMENT AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

JFS provides a range of resettlement services for refugees, such as help establishing housing, preparing for citizenship, learning English, seeking employment, securing government documents, and adapting to American culture and life. .

TRANSPORTATION

The JFS CareVan Program enables older or disabled adults and other residents to maintain their independence by providing rides within the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti area to doctors' appointments, errands, and community events. The vehicle **f** eet includes a van with a wheelchair lift and seating for ten. Riders must be JFS clients and make reservations one week in advance.

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VOLUNTEER SERVICES

JFS is able to provide services to those in need because of the help they receive from the volunteers in the community. JFS provides unique and fulfilling volunteer opportunities tailored to meet diverse preferences, skills and schedules. There are many ways to help: be a friendly visitor for an older adult or become a Patient Partners Concierge™ and accompany seniors to their medical appointments, be an English as a Second Language tutor or conversational partner, provide administrative assistance in the office, join a committee, or help out at a once-a-year event.

THE HERB AMSTER CENTER

The Herb Amster Center is a new division of JFS which will identify and create lines of business aligned with the mission of JFS, which will generate revenue to support and further the overall mission of the agency. The Center is the legacy of the late Herb Amster who was an active community leader and a strong supporter of JFS.

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The Jewish Community Center (JCC) strives to build a strong and cohesive sense of Jewish community and Jewish identity. The JCC initiates community-wide programs, brings together a diverse Jewish population, serves as a meeting place for Jewish organizations, and provides high-quality programming for Jewish people of all ages from the youngest child to the oldest adult.

During the year, the JCC holds many popular community wide events, including Sukkarnival/ Apples & Honey (a family event celebrating the fall Jewish holidays), the Jewish Book Festival, Jewish Film Festival, a bi-yearly auction, Family Fun Days, a family Passover celebration and the Matzah Factory with Chabad.

The JCC is also home to the JCC Early Childhood Center, Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor, Hebrew Day School, Jewish Cultural Society, Reconstructionist Havurah, the *Washtenaw Jewish News*, and a branch office of Jewish Family Services.

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Noreen DeYoung, director of JCC Children, Youth and Family Programming

JCC EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

The JCC Early Childhood Center (ECC) celebrates Judaism in a loving, supportive environment that encourages children's creativity and spontaneity. The ECC strives to create a growing experience in which children will thrive.

The ECC is accredited by the National Association for the Education for Young Children (NAEYC). Programs are provided for children ages two months to five years. The school offers morning pre-school and full and part-time childcare. In addition, parent/infant and toddler classes, Tot Shabbat, and pre-school enrichment classes are offered on a weekly basis. Songs, dance, holiday celebrations, and weekly Shabbat observance enrich the curriculum along with Shabbat family dinners, literacy events, and parenting programs.

Children are provided an opportunity for active learning that allows them to learn by being involved in their environment and by engaging in activities that encourage personal growth. They are given choices in the way they manipulate a variety of open-ended materials and with adult instructors who support their choices and listen to them. A loving, supportive atmosphere is provided in which a child's creativity and spontaneity are encouraged. A favorable staff-child ratio enhances individual and developmental activities designed to meet the child at his or her level of readiness. The program uses the High Scope approach to Early Childhood Education.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

The JCC's afterschool programs provide licensed afterschool care from 3:20–6 p.m. for JCC members in kindergarten through fifth grade. Transportation from certain local elementary schools is available. The Kids' Konnection program for grades K–2 features activities such as crafts, sports, holiday programming, and challah making on Fridays, while Kids' Club caters to the interests of students in grades 3–5 with separate fun activities and homework spaces. A Middle School Helpers program is also available for middle school students.

JCC afterschool enrichment classes offer professional instruction in subjects such as swimming, tennis, gym games, martial arts, jewelry, clay, scrapbooking, cooking, yoga, lego robotics, basketball, and a wide variety of other interest areas.

Kids' Night Out programs are offered approximately every other month on a Saturday evening. The programs are for grades K–5, and give parents a chance to go out and kids a chance to have an exciting evening of games, crafts, dinner, and a movie.

School's Out / JCC's In programs featuring field trips or special activities are offered from 8 a.m.–6 p.m. whenever Hebrew Day School and/or Ann Arbor Public Schools (AAPS) are closed for a day but the JCC is open. School's Out days are open to students from HDS, AAPS, and other schools and are for JCC members in grades K–5. (Middle school students may also participate as helpers for a reduced fee.)

Vacation Fun Days programs featuring field trips and special programs are offered daily from 8 a.m.–6 p.m. during the December, February, April, and Passover school breaks. Vacation Fun Days are open to students from HDS, AAPS, and other schools and are for JCC members in grades K–5. (Middle school students may also participate as helpers for a reduced fee.)

JCC Snow Day programs for JCC members in grades K–8 are offered from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. whenever AAPS schools are closed due to winter weather conditions but the JCC is able to safely open. Special activities are run at the JCC on those days.

The JCC also offers afterschool or Sunday afternoon birthday parties featuring themes such as sports, arts and crafts, cartoon characters, and more.

JEWISH FAMILY PROGRAMMING

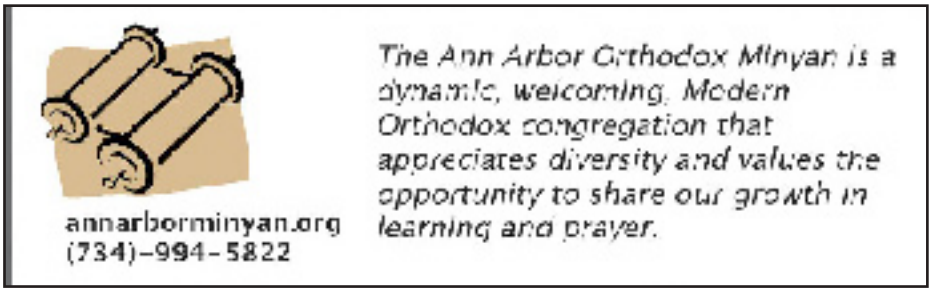
JCC SHALOM PROGRAMS

SHALOM ANN ARBOR

The Jewish Community Center's Shalom Ann Arbor assists relocating families and welcomes them to the Jewish community. The Shalom Ann Arbor Welcome Package is an essential information packet for newcomers or those considering relocating to the city. It includes the Guide to Jewish Life, the most recent edition of the Washtenaw Jewish News, a half priced membership to the JCC, information on activities in the Jewish community, and more. A volunteer will be available to provide a personal welcome and introduction to Ann Arbor's Jewish community for those who have already moved here.

SHALOM BABY

Shalom Baby welcomes parents, their newborns and newly-adopted children into the Jewish Community Center of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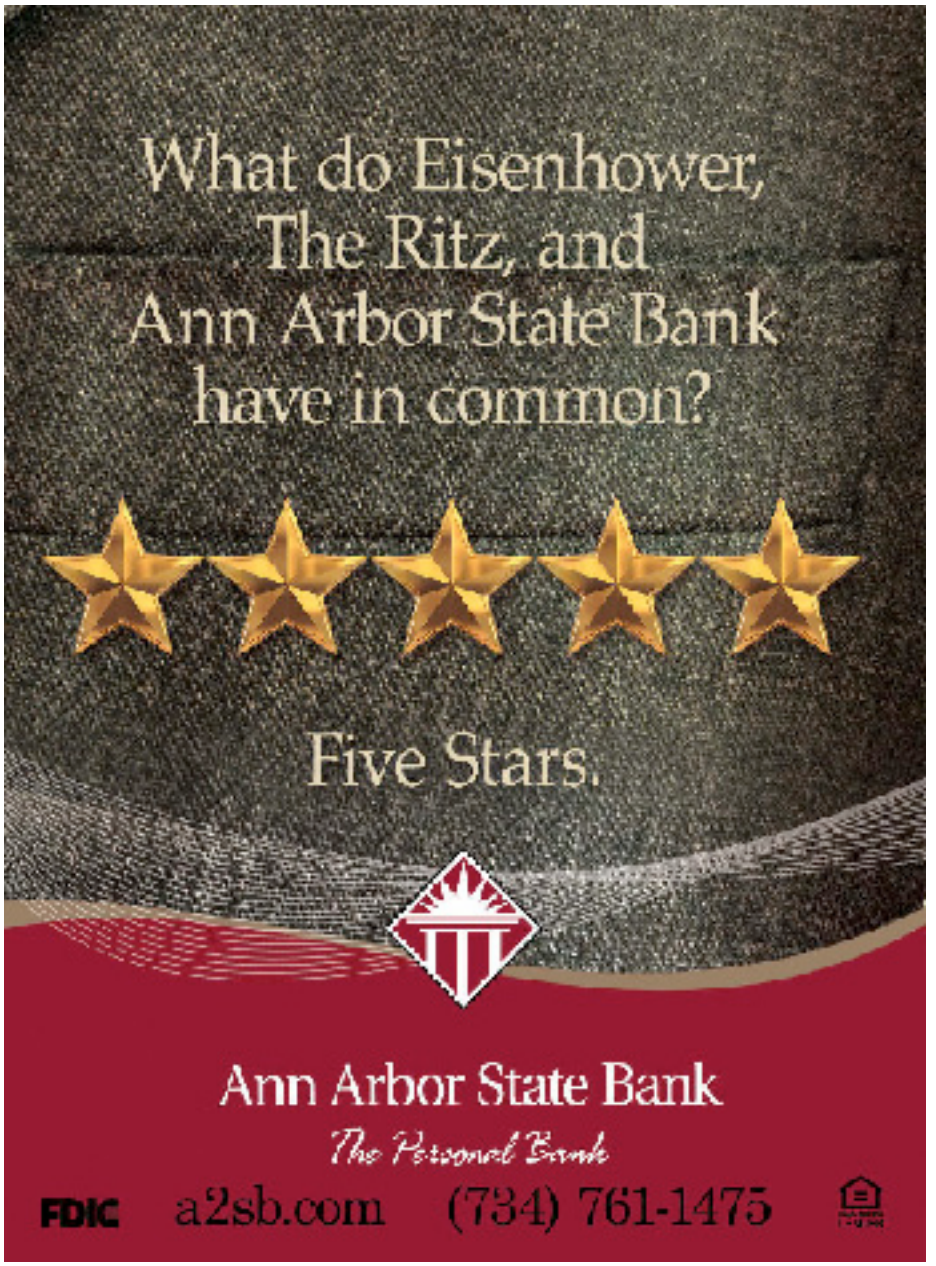

Greater Ann Arbor. Shalom Baby provides growing families with a Welcome to the World gift bag full of fun and helpful gifts; information on parenting and Jewish resources for parents and families.

FAMILY AND HOLIDAY CELEBRTIONS

The JCC offers a variety of family programming throughout the year. Community members can look forward to celebrations such as the Latke Hop, Apples and Honey/Sukkarnival, Passover to Go, Purim Spiels and more.

TEEN PROGRAMMING

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Shoshana Jackson, teen, and camp director

Middle School Game Nights for students in grades 6–8 are offered on occasional Saturday evenings. The Game Nights feature movies, dinner, and arcade games at the JCC from 6:30–10 p.m.

For high school students, the JCC organizes Mizvahs & Munchies events that feature a combination of community service/mitzvah projects, social activities, and munchies or dinner. The events are held on Saturday evenings or Sunday afternoons at the JCC or other locations.

The JCC also provides support to Echad BBYO, the Ann Arbor chapter of the B'nai Brith Youth Organization, which is open to teens in 9th–12th grade and organizes social events, community service activities, and leadership training experiences throughout the year.

In addition, each summer the JCC takes a team of Ann Arbor athletes ages 13–16 to the JCC Maccabi Games (www.jccmaccabigames.org). The JCC Maccabi Games are an incredible opportunity for teens to experience a week of Olympics-style sporting competition, community service, and social activities with Jewish teens from around the world.

CAMP RAANANA

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Camp Raanana, the JCC's outdoor summer day camp for children entering kindergarten through eighth grade, offers the perfect environment for children to explore new interests, gain self-confidence, interact with other Jewish youth and have fun outside. The camp offers nine one-week sessions each summer and provides swim lessons, arts & crafts, music, Judaics, nature

exploration, sports, free swim, Shabbat celebrations, and weekly special events or all-camp field trips.

At Camp Raanana, campers entering grades K–2 enjoy the benefits of experienced and nurturing counselors and enriching activity sessions, including Red Cross swim lessons. Campers entering grades 3–5 participate in Camp Raanana's swim lessons and other activity offerings, and also choose an enriching weekly specialty such as Boating, Digital Photography, Martial Arts, Lego Mania, Yoga, Drama, Drumming, Clay Creations, World of Sports, Edible Art, Dance, Magic, Jazzy Jewelry, and Silly Science. Campers entering grades 6–8 participate in Camp Raanana's Pioneer Adventure Program, featuring exciting field trips and fun mitzvah projects each week. Camp Raanana also offers a CIT program for entering 9th and 10th graders.

DEPARTMENT OF JEWISH CULTURAL ARTS AND EDUCATION

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Karen Freedland, Jewish cultural arts and education director

Self-expression is at the heart of Jewish life and values. Arts and culture play a unique role in conveying Jewish values and traditions from generation to generation and the benefits and impact of arts and culture on the community are immeasurable. The JCC's wide variety of offerings, including film, music, adult education, lectures, and art, enrich not only the Jewish community but also the community-at-large.

JEWISH BOOK FESTIVAL

For over 20 years, the JCC has hosted a Jewish Book Festival in November. The Book Festival offers a unique opportunity to hear from many talented authors on a variety of subjects during weekday Lunch & Learn events, evening events, and on Sundays throughout the multi-day festival at the JCC. Events are free and open to the public.

JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Each April, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor, in association with the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit and the Michigan Theater, brings the Lenore Marwil Jewish Film Festival to Ann Arbor.

FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

The Film Discussion Group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month and is led by Russell Collins, executive director of the Michigan Theater and co-host of WEMU's Cinema Chat. Discussions cover not only movie plots and characters but also the unique cinematic elements of film.

ART EXHIBITS

The JCC schedules a variety of art exhibits and programs throughout the year in the Amster Gallery. They may include individual exhibits by local artists, traveling exhibits and exhibits arranged by JCC staff such as the Senior Photography Exhibit that is scheduled for February and March. There is often programming planned in coordination with these exhibits such as: docent tours, talks by the artists and/or audio visual presentations.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL PROGRAMMING

The JCC is expanding their education and cultural programs. Educational classes lectures and discussion groups will take place throughtout the year. Theater programs, book clubs and architecture tours are also part of the program expansion.

GELMAN VIDEO COLLECTION

Through the generous support of Charles and Rita Gelman, the DVDs and tapes of the Jewish Heritage Video Collection (JHVC) are available for rental from the JCC.

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Rabbi Rod Glogower

The Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan meets in the University of Michigan Hillel in conjunction with the Hillel student Orthodox Minyan. Services are held weekly at sundown on Fridays during the school

The Ann Arbor Eruv

The eruv in Ann Arbor covers an area of approximately four square miles and includes several residential and student areas in Burns Park and Ann Arbor Hills, as well as Woodbury Gardens. The eruv also includes the Hillel Foundation Building (at which the Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan meets), Beth Israel Congregation and Temple Beth Emeth. A detailed map of the eruv can be found at the eruv website www.a2eruv.org. Weekly updates on the eruv status are posted at the website and are also distributed to an e-mail list. To be placed on the list for eruv updates, to volunteer to help check the eruv or for other questions, send an email message to a2eruv@a2eruv.org.

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Daily morning services are held in conjunction with Chabad House at 7:30 a.m., Monday–Wednesday at Hillel, and Thursday and Friday, and Sunday (at 9 a.m.) at Chabad House.

A variety of formal and informal learning opportunities are offered during the school year, including Rabbi Glogower's Tuesday evening class "Topics in Rabbinic Literature" and a short class between Shabbat Mincha and Maariv. The minyan sponsors other activities throughout the year including a welcome barbeque in the fall, Shabbat morning children's tefillah and story time, a sukkah hop, women's learning in the sukkah, a winter melave malka lecture series, a women's megillah reading, a Shavuot tikkun and Shavuot picnic.

ANN ARBOR RECONSTRUCTIONIST HAVURAH

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Reconstructionism is the fastest-growing major branch of Judaism. It views Judaism as an evolving religious civilization that encompasses religious, intellectual and cultural life. It respects both traditions—giving them "a vote, not a veto"—and intellect, as how best to live as Jews in the twenty-first century is explored.

The Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Havurah is an open, welcoming, innovative community that works to integrate Jewish religious tradition and culture with its members' needs as modern Jews. Since 1993, it has grown to over 60 families and offers all major holidays, Shabbat, and life-cycle events, a Beit Sefer (religious school) and a full schedule of community and cultural activities. The Havurah is a member of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation.

THE COMMUNITY

Informality and a strong sense of community are the essence of a Havurah. Events like a baby-naming or bar / bat mitzvah typically attract a majority of the entire membership. From evenings of song and dance to the annual Sukkot Retreat to monthly sessions in Jewish meditation, the AARH offers members numerous opportunities to regularly or occasionally plug in to a warm, hospitable community.

Many singles, mixed-religion couples and non-traditional families are long-term, active members of the AARH. All find a welcoming and comfortable community.

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE

The AARH observes Shabbat on the fourth Friday evening of each month at 6:15 p.m. as well as the second Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Fourth Friday services feature a highly-musical Kabbalat Shabbat, followed by an informal potluck dinner. Second Saturdays are also highly musical and feature an extended discussion of the Torah parsha. All Shabbat services take place at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor.

In addition, the AARH offers a unique, 10 part series of services, known as the Learners' Service, usually on the first Saturday of each month (September - June; check the website for dates), at 10 a.m. Each month focuses on a different aspect of the Saturday morning service, exploring the hows and whys of everything from the postures we take to the individuals that contributed to the siddur, to the history behind the Torah service. This is a lively, engaging morning filled with lots of questions and spirited discussion. Learners' Services take place at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor.

High Holiday services for Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur day are musical, spiritual and highly participatory, led by long-time Havurah member and rabbinic student Aura Ahuvia. In keeping with the Havurah's belief that prayer should always be free and open to all, non-members are welcome to join the Havurah for High Holiday services; no tickets are required. Children's services and child care are also offered. High Holiday Services take place at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Road.

Holidays and festivals are cause for great celebration: Simchat Torah, Chanukah and, especially, the annual Purim Party. There's also a community-

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The Beit Sefer is an innovative, warm, and meaningful educational experience for K-7th graders that welcomes the children of AARH members and non-members alike.

Combining experience and exuberance, the staff works to help each student find his or her own path to a Jewish identity that includes a grounding in both Jewish religion and civilization. Class topics include: Jewish Living Skills, Prayer and Spirituality, Peoplehood, Israel and Hebrew. Tikkun Olam (repairing the world), is an important part of the curriculum. The Beit Sefer uses a hands-on approach that includes music sessions, crafts, storytelling, plays and tzedakah (service learning) projects, leading up to bar or bat mitzvah.

The Beit Sefer meets on Sunday mornings during the school year at the Jewish Community Center. Active involvement of parents is encouraged.

New this year is a post-bar/bat mitzvah program, Hineini, for students in, and especially beyond, their bar /bat mitzvah year. It meets on Sunday afternoons, and is designed to continue students' education by encouraging asking the most challenging questions, wrestling with answers, and developing communal leadership skills.

Visit the AARH website, www.aarecon.org, to find out more about Reconstructionism and the Havurah. Unless otherwise noted, non-members and interfaith couples are welcome at all services and activities on the website calendar.

BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION (CONSERVATIVE)

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Established in 1916, Beth Israel has been a vital presence in the spiritual, social and educational lives of its members for 95 years. The congregation, a member of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, is a welcoming and warm community, which fosters a connectedness to our rich tradition, embraces innovative and creative programming, and provides an important support system for its members in times of celebration and in times of need. Rabbi Robert Dobrusin, who is a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary, has served the congregation with distinction for over 20 years. Rabbi Kim Blumenthal, also a JTS graduate, has served the congregation since 2008.

Beth Israel offers religious services that are traditional in form, egalitarian in nature, and participatory in practice. The services feature a wonderful sense of fellowship and community. Congregants take leading roles in the conducting of all services. An egalitarian daily minyan, led by congregants is held Sunday–Thursday at 7:30 p.m. (5 p.m. on winter Sundays.) Friday evening Shabbat services take place at 6 p.m. and on Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Recognizing the critical importance of Jewish learning for all ages, adult education classes are held throughout the year.

Social and recreational activities which allow people to get to know each other better and programs emphasizing tikkun olam are an important part of congregational life. A deep relationship to Israel is fostered through teen scholarships, congregation trips, dialogue programs and the planning of a moving community-wide Yom Hazikaron (Israeli Fallen Soldiers and Victims of Terrorism Remembrance Day) Ceremony.

Beth Israel hosts the homeless during Christmas through the Rotating Overflow Shelter program, provides volunteers to the Interfaith Hospitality Network at Alpha House for homeless families, runs a blood drive in March, and maintains a garden which supplies fresh vegetables to hunger programs. The Beth Israel Mitzvah Connection organizes volunteers for phone calls and visits to the frail elderly, as well as meals, rides, and errands to congregants who need them.

Non-members are always invited to participate in all of Beth Israel activities.

New residents of Washtenaw County since last Yom Kippur may request free tickets to the High Holiday services. Individuals and families aged 35 and under may join the congregation in their first year for a dues of $300 (plus United Synagogue dues of $34.75).

BETH ISRAEL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT

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THE BETH ISRAEL GARDEN

Each summer Beth Israel members maintain a community garden at County Farm Park where they grow flowers and vegetables donated to Food Gatherers through the "Faith and Food" program to help others in the community.

OUTDOOR SHABBAT CELEBRATIONS

During the summer and early fall months, Beth Israel offers a variety of outdoor Shabbat programs such as Barbecue and Barchu (hamburgers and hotdogs

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preceding a Kabbalat Shabbat service in the court yard) Shira Hadasha Shlomo Carlebach Friday Night Services, Shabbat in the Park potluck dinner and Shabbat service at County Farm Park, and a Pet Shabbat where dozens of dogs come with their families to an outdoor Shabbat celebration.

THE BETH ISRAEL FUN FAIR

On September 7, the Beth Israel Fair will offer great activities for all ages including a bounce house, face painting, grilled hot dogs and veggie dogs, snow cones, bocce ball, kick ball, lawn relay races and more..

QUIZ NIGHT

A highlight of the programming year is the annual multi-media Beth Israel Quiz Night (January 19.) Adults of all ages compete as teams to answer trivia questions, audio and video clues, and other puzzles in a fun filled, social evening.

SHABBAT, HOLIDAY AND OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND MEALS

Beth Israel hosts a number of Shabbat and holiday meals as a means of getting to know other members of the synagogue community and enhance one's celebration of Shabbat and holidays.

These events include "Pizza in the Hut" on Sukkot, a Simchat Torah Dinner preceding the Torah Processions, and an "International Shul of Pancakes Breakfast" offered between the Shaharit Service and the Torah processionals on Simchat Torah. For "Sweatshirt Shabbat" everyone is encouraged to wear a sweatshirt to a winter Shabbat morning service, followed by a cholent kiddush. T Shirt Shabbat in June is followed by a summery kiddush. Each year in December the "Beth Israel Chinese Dinner at House of Israel Kaifeng" is held in the social hall.

SHABBAT MORNING PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

Beth Israel offers Shabbat morning programs and services for children of all ages. Tot Shabbat meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month and offers a Shabbat celebration for preschoolers. Tot Shabbat includes interactive stories and songs, a Torah parade, and a visit from one of the rabbis. On the second Saturday of each month there are also two additional services for children in kindergarten through 2nd grade (Mini-Minyan) and for children in 3rd through 5th grade (Kehillat Shabbat). These participatory services both offer kids a chance to learn and lead Shabbat morning songs and prayers and include special activities each month. Mini Minyan includes a short and song-filled service along with parent-led games and learning activities, while Kehillat Shabbat includes a participatory service led by the kids as well as discussion and games.

HIGH HOLIDAY PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

High Holiday celebrations begin with a High Holiday Family Celebration. Preschool and early elementary school-age children learn about and celebrate the High Holidays in a family-friendly manner.

On the mornings of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur two hour programs for different age groups are held. On the second morning of Rosh Hashanah, a Rosh Hashanah Family Program is held—an informal, participatory service celebrating Rosh Hashanah, the birthday of the world.

PURIM CELEBRATION

The entire congregation gets into the act by dressing up in costumes (adults as well as children) and participating in a themed Purim Megilla Reading. Past events include The Muppets Take Beth Israel, Purim World, A Harry Potter Purim, and The Pirates of Purim.

INTERFAITH PROGRAMS

Beth Israel is an active member of the interfaith community. Participation in community interfaith events is encouraged and often interfaith educational gatherings are hosted at the synagogue. It has supported the Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County since its founding in 1995. The Interfaith Thanksgiving program is scheduled to be at Beth Israel this year.

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PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Children ages 3 and 4 and a parent are encouraged to join in the fun activities of the Sunday eight session Gan Katan program. Children and parents enjoy stories and activities together. Registration for the program is $150 for the year. Gan Katan is open to the entire community regardless of synagogue membership.

ELEMENTARY PROGRAM

Grades K–1 meet Sunday mornings. Grade 2–5 meet on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons.

BIRS students are introduced to Jewish learning through a program rich in Jewish experiences. Music, games, stories, age appropriate prayer, and crafts are all part of the weekly classroom routines. In the elementary grades, students build their knowledge of Hebrew reading, writing and siddur (prayer book) skills each year. The study of conversational Hebrew helps students develop **f** uid reading skills and appreciate Hebrew as a living language that connects them to the worldwide Jewish community.

Throughout their elementary years, students develop skills and knowledge of text, ethics and values, and Jewish practice. Holidays provide times to celebrate with family or school wide programs. Planned for this year are a Torah celebration, Passover model seders, Shavuot programming, and more.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Grades 6 and 7 meet on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons, and have other programming on selected Shabbat mornings throughout the year. Grade 8 meets on Sunday mornings.

The middle school curriculum includes core courses which focus on Jewish lifecycle, ethics, traditional texts, Hebrew language, tefillah, and history. Semester-long electives taught by the teaching or rabbinic staff are academic, but supple-

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mental to the core Judaics curriculum. Teachers engage students in quality discussions and activities as they explore what it means to live as a Jew today. Coming together as a community each week for tefillot and occasional special activities and celebrations are important parts of the middle school experience. Sixth graders attend an exciting Shabbaton and a series of Shabbat morning sessions. The Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Series engages students as well as their parents in meaningful learning which facilitates the preparation of students for bar and bat mitzvah individual tutoring.

BIRS works cooperatively with Temple Beth Emeth to offer conversational Hebrew at an immersion level in the middle school. These classes are designed for students who have attended Hebrew Day School in the past, as well as students who have an extensive Hebrew background from other learning experiences. Students whose families are not Beth Israel members are welcome to attend these classes.

Eighth grade students study from a curriculum called The Jewish Lens, and use photography skills to explore their Jewish identity and reflect on their education and experiences. The Kadima Youth Group and Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing offer middle school students additional opportunities for enrichment and fun.

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Many students are excited to continue to participate in the school and the synagogue throughout their high school careers. The Madrichim Program has two tracks: students in the Educational Assistants Track work with elementary students, and students in the Service Track spend most Sunday mornings volunteering in the community. Students from the two tracks get together for regular study sessions with the rabbis. They may also get involved in other synagogue and community activities, such as: taking Hebrew classes through Keshet Ann Arbor, and participating in Beth Israel's Alternative Spring Break Trip. High school students are also encouraged to attend a summer teen program to Israel and may apply for a Ladin Israel Teen Trip Scholarship to help with the expenses.

The annual Teen Dinner, which kicks off the year, is Wednesday, August 29, from 6–7:30 pm.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

The Friday Night Lights program provides families with opportunities to enjoy the community experience of a Kabbalat Shabbat service at 6 p.m. and a dairy Shabbat dinner at 7 p.m. The cost for dinner is $7 per person, with no charge for children under 4. RSVP's and payment are required on the Monday before each dinner. This year's Friday Night Lights programs will be held: October 26 (which will include the K-1 Torah Consecration Ceremony), November 16, January 25 (which will feature a Tu B'shvat program), March 15, and April 19.

Additional Family Programs offer easy opportunities to celebrate holidays together as a community. Pizza in the Hut will be offered on Wednesday, October 3, from 6–7 p.m., and will include a pizza dinner in Beth Israel's sukkah. The Family Hanukkah Party will be on December 12, from 6–8 p.m., and will feature entertainment, lighting the candles for the fifth night of Hanukkah, and a latke dinner. A family Shavuot Program is planned for May.

ADULT EDUCATION AND TRAVEL

Beth Israel offers a variety of programs to interest learners of all ages. Beth Israel and Temple Beth Emeth jointly offer a community-wide adult Hebrew program at both facilities, with classes in both conversational and biblical Hebrew taught at several different levels. Many other classes and lectures are offered throughout the year, including weekly Wednesday Lunch and Learn sessions, Shabbat Limmud text study classes on the weekly Torah portion and other topics, special holiday study sessions, a Mussar Group, a Tikkun Leil Shavuot Study program, and educational programs facilitated by Rabbi Dobrusin and Rabbi Blumenthal. The Alfred and Alice Rosenberg Adult Scholar in Residence Fund brings in noted scholars from around the world every other year

The weekend of May 3–5 will be dedicated to Yiddish literature and Yiddish culture, with academic lectures, a Friday night meal recreating a literary feast from a classic Yiddish novel, a Klezmer event, a Yiddish language class, a classic Yiddish movie, and more.

This coming spring, the congregation is planning a trip to Eastern Europe led by Zvi Gitelman, professor of Jewish studies at the University of Michigan.

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Chabad-Lubavitch is a Chassidic movement within Judaism that focuses on the individual's relationship to God and fosters a deep sense of devotion and responsibility toward one's fellow men and women. It is characterized by its emphasis on education and its commitment to lend help wherever it is needed.

The name Chabad is a Hebrew acronym for the three intellectual faculties of: *Chachmah* (wisdom), *Binah* (comprehension) and *Da'at* (knowledge). The Chabad philosophy encourages individuals to understand and recognize the importance and unique mission of each creature, and to refine and govern their every act and feeling through wisdom, comprehension and knowledge.

Chabad House and its Congregation Chabad serve as a "home away from home" for Jewish students, as well as a synagogue and gathering place for families in the Washtenaw County area. Under the guidance of Rabbi Aharon and Esther Goldstein, Congregation Chabad reaches out to all Jews regardless of age, affiliation or level of observance. Located on the University of Michigan campus, Congregation Chabad is dedicated to increasing the understanding and knowledge of Judaism and to actively serving and improving the community.

Jewish education is a high priority at Congregation Chabad, where a wide variety of classes are available on a nearly daily basis. Courses include: Insights into the Torah Portion, Jewish Mysticism (Tanya), Hebrew Language, History and Approaches to Jewish Prayer, Talmud study group, Jewish Law and general topics in Judaism. Everyone is welcome regardless of one's previous background, affiliation and level of knowledge. Classes are free of charge and open to the public. Private classes are also available.

Services are conducted year-round in conformance with traditional Jewish law and practice. Hebrew prayer books are available with English or Russian translations. Shabbat evening services begin 15 minutes before sundown Fridays during the school year and at 7 p.m. during the summer. Shabbat morning services begin at 9:45 a.m. Shabbat afternoon and evening services 40 minutes before sundown

year-round. Daily services are held in conjunction with the Hillel Orthodox Minyan, starting at 7:30 a.m. during the week and at 9 a.m. on Sunday. Sunday, Thursday and Friday morning services take place at Chabad House; Monday through Wednesday services are held at Hillel.

Chabad plays an active role in the local Jewish community. Holiday highlights include shofar making at the JCC's Apples and Honey event, Chanukah adult and children's programs, distribution of *shalach manot* (gift baskets) for Purim and a Passover matzah bakery.

Chabad provides a place where life-cycle events can be commemorated and celebrated. Jewish services offered throughout the year include rabbinical advice; information and help on koshering home kitchens; provision of religious articles at cost; renting furnished rooms for students and visitors; providing Shabbat and holiday hospitality; meals; counseling; lectures and classes. Judaic and bar/bat mitzvah tutoring for children and adults is offered.

Chabad House facilities are available to all Jews in the community for the pursuit of Jewish knowledge and for contact with other Jews. Its hospitality and home-like atmosphere are appreciated by students and by visitors to the area. A Rosh Chodesh group for women only is provided and a mikvah is located on the premises. (See Women's Organizations.) Congregation Chabad also offers a wide array of other services and programs, including adult education. (See Jewish Education.) Chabad House is also a center for Jewish students at the University of Michigan. (See Campus Organizations.) For children, Chabad offers Torah Enrichment Program and a winter and summer day camp, and Camp Gan Israel. (See Youth Activities.)

JEWISH CULTURAL SOCIETY

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The Jewish Cultural Society (JCS) is a secular humanistic organization, promoting Jewish ethics, values, history, and culture. It provides a community for individuals and families whose Jewish identification is primarily with culture and family. Founded in 1965, the JCS stresses the cultural aspects of Jewish traditions, Jewish history as a source of ethics and strength, and the values of humanism and social justice found in both modern and historical Judaism.

The community offers engaging Sunday school and B'nai Mitzvah programs (pre-K through high school), enriching adult educational and social programs, Jewish holiday celebrations, life cycle events, and social action opportunities. The JCS also runs several community-wide events, including Tu b'Shevat at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, a family Chanukah celebration, and a 2nd Night Passover Seder.

The JCS takes pride in the fact that its membership is diverse. All individuals and families—young and elderly, traditional and nontraditional, Jewish and intercultural—who wish to express their Jewishness from a secular humanistic perspective, are welcome. The JCS celebrates all Jewish holidays (including monthly Shabbat/Havdalah, High Holidays, Chanukah, and Pesach) and life-cycle celebrations through a secular humanistic lens. Jewish tradition is interpreted by focusing on the relationships between people and community efforts to improve the world.

The JCS is based at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor and is affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations, the Michigan Coalition of Secular and Humanistic Jews, and the International Federation of Secular Humanistic Jews.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Secular humanistic Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, and Yom Kippur observances, primarily in English, are offered every fall at the Jewish Community Center and are open to the public. The messages of the High Holiday observances are reflection, responsibility, and forgiveness. The observances are a rededication to communal and individual actions that improve the community and the world. Songs are sung in Hebrew, Yiddish, and English and are led by the Jewish Cultural Society choir. JCS observes Tashlich along the banks of the Huron River followed by a community picnic. The JCS community also comes together for a "Break-the-Fast" potluck after Yom Kippur. All observances are free to members and open to the public for a small charge.

Other holiday celebrations are coordinated by Sunday school parents, and include a Sukkot Harvest Celebration, a Chanukah party, and a Purim carnival. A wonderful annual JCS event is the Tu b'Shevat Celebration of Trees at Matthaei Botanical Gardens in the midst of Michigan's winter, which emphasizes the theme of personal responsibility for the environment. Incorporated in the Tu B'Shevat celebration is a walking seder with fruits and seeds of the Middle East; a scavenger hunt through the Botanical gardens; crafts; music and story-telling; workshops on sustainability, environmental protection, and recycling by local conservation and environmental groups staff stalls with literature and goods.

The Jewish Cultural Society holds a popular community-wide vegetarian potluck Second Night Seder each Passover, using a contemporary haggadah that was developed by members. The seder includes songs and poetry, and offers a spotlight for JCS students to participate in the readings. The seder emphasizes the continuing need to work for freedom throughout the world.

SHABBAT OBSERVANCES

The recognition of Shabbat as a time to step away from one's daily life and focus on family is an important part of Secular Humanistic Jewish practice. The JCS community meets for Shabbat on the first Friday of each month, and these Shabbat celebrations are open to the whole community. Shabbat is celebrated through secular Jewish readings; singing; candle lighting, challah, and wine rituals; and a Yahrtzeit observance to remember loved ones. Following the Shabbat observance, the community shares a catered dinner from a local Ann Arbor restaurant. After dinner, educational or social programs are offered such as discussing a topic of interest; playing Jewish Jeopardy for Jewish Literacy month, or participating in a community service activity. The First Friday Shabbat is celebrated at the JCC and participants of all ages are welcome.

Tot Shabbat is run concurrently with the First Friday Shabbat Observance at the JCC. Tot Shabbat is a wonderful way to welcome in the weekend with other families of early elementary age and younger children. Following Tot Shabbat, the youngsters join their parents for dinner before making holiday-themed crafts, reading stories, and singing songs with the Tzofim who help run the Tot Shabbat program.

A bi-monthly celebration of Havdalah distinguishes between the quietness and introspection of Shabbat and the activity of the rest of the week. Celebrated at members' homes, the community begins Havdalah with a modern, secular humanistic observance. Following the Havdalah observance, JCS families welcome the new week with a potluck dinner. Children are welcome and participate in the celebration of Havdalah.

LIFE CYCLE OBSERVANCES

Life cycle observances, a central part of the JCS community life, include baby namings, bar and bat mitzvah celebrations, weddings, funerals, memorials and unveilings. Julie Gales, the JCS's *madrikha,* develops these ceremonies by collaborating with families celebrating or observing life cycle events resulting in a highly personalized and meaningful experience. Gales also presides over the events. The JCS's Memorial Garden is at Arborcrest Cemetery in northeast Ann Arbor.

Second grade students have a special Shabbat ceremony dedicated to affirming their Jewish names. This annual community-wide life cycle event provides the 2nd grade class with the opportunity to learn about the people for whom they are named and, in the case of some students, to choose a Hebrew name for themselves.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

JCS maintains an active schedule of educational activities for our members and the broader community from pre-K through adult.

ADULT ACTIVITIES

The community offers Sunday morning adult education programs monthly throughout the school year. Sunday Schmoozes provide an opportunity for all members of the Ann Arbor Jewish community to meet local scholars and community leaders for an informal discussion of Jewish topics and politics. Recent topics have emphasized Secular Humanistic Judaism; approaches to Middle East peace, environmental sustainability, improving family life; social action/social justice issues; Jewish cooking; the roots of Chanukah, and historic, political, or current events.

An adult B'nai Mitzvah class is also offered. Participants, in collaboration with the leader, plan the curriculum content and pace.

The adult mitzvah ceremony culminates the approximately two-year program.

In addition to the social action activities and adult education, the JCS holds regular social activities for adult members like Pourin' for Purim (an annual wine and cheese event). The JCS's monthly Rosh Hodesh gatherings celebrate the new Jewish month through a short celebration, discussions, and socializing amongst the community's women. Some of the Rosh Hodesh activities include the annual Apple Cake Bake for the high holidays, sharing books for Jewish Book Month, and Rejuvenating Our Spirits at Chanukah.

The Jewish Cultural Society's Third Friday Chavurah for the community's older members takes the form of a monthly potluck held in rotation at the homes of its members. Meeting regularly since the 1980s, the group has spawned close friendships and lively conversations.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The JCS Sunday School, B'nai Mitzvah Program, and Tzofim (teen leadership) Program, which focus on our youth and their families, are described below.

JEWISH CULTURAL SCHOOL

The Jewish Cultural School (Pre-K through 7th grade) is the Sunday school program of the JCS. JCS's goal is to expose their students to the vast scope of Jewish life over 4000 years on six continents and to engender in them an appreciation for Jewish history, culture and ethics. Learning is participatory and active. Students dance, sing, create art, cook, and hear and tell stories. The school runs from September to May.

Jewish holidays are discussed with emphasis on their relevance today. The children also study Jewish life in biblical times and the Middle Ages; Jewish culture

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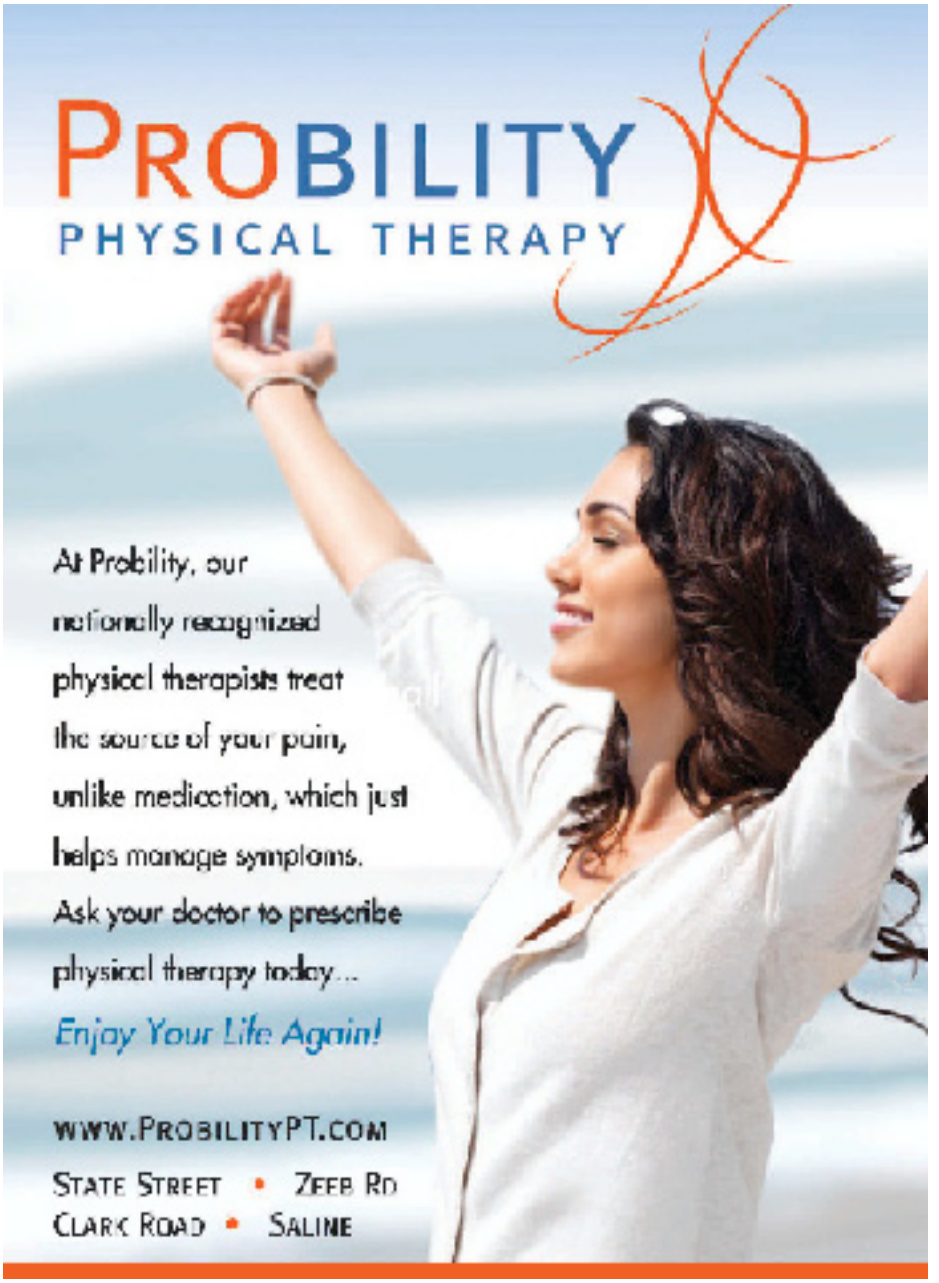

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in Europe, the Middle East and America; anti-Semitism and the Holocaust; and Secular Humanistic Jewish philosophers. Field trips (such as the 6th grade annual trip to the Holocaust Museum in Farmington Hills) and simulations (such as the bi-annual Ellis Island reenactment) are integrated into the curriculum at every level. Although everything is taught in English, students are introduced to basic key words in Hebrew and Yiddish. The curriculum continually evolves with the help of student, parent, and teacher input. In this way, the school supports our students in the development of a positive Jewish identity.

Parent involvement in the Jewish Cultural School is welcome and encouraged. Parents actively participate in their children's education by teaching, helping in their child's classroom, or helping in the planning and running of holiday celebrations

B'NAI MITZVAH PROGRAM

The Jewish Cultural School B'nai Mitzvah Program offers a truly unique and meaningful way to transition children into Jewish communal life. This program begins in sixth grade and is a two-year process that includes independent research on Jewish topics of interest chosen by the students. Participants distill the information into short oral presentations given at the First Friday Shabbat observance or other gatherings of the families of the B'nai Mitzvah class. The topics cover everything from Masada to shtetl life in Russia to Marc Chagall to Black/Jewish relations in the Civil Rights Movement. The students also research their own families' stories, and work on a Jewish Identity Project that helps them to solidify their own ideas about what it means to be Jewish. In keeping with the Secular Humanistic Jewish emphasis on social justice, there is a 30-hour community service commitment to a project chosen by the student. Students volunteer for Meals on Wheels, Lurie Terrace, Peace Neighborhood Center, and many other local organizations.

This effort culminates in a bar or bat mitzvah celebration, usually during the seventh grade. Each ceremony is a unique collaboration written by the students and their parents with help from the Julie Gales, the JCS's madrikha, who preside over the events. The mitzvah celebrations are held at the Jewish Community Center or another location of the bar/bat mitzvah family's choice.

After bar or bat mitzvah, students are encouraged to continue in the eighth grade,

join the Tzofim Program, and become Sunday school tzofim (classroom aides), providing a vehicle for them to maintain active in the JCS.

OLDER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Jewish learning continues after bar or bat mitzvah with the Tzofim (teen leadership) Program for students grades 8-12. The program includes leadership development, student led social action projects, and group activities. The program also provides an opportunity for students to work as aides in the classroom and at community-wide events. The post bar/bat mitzvah age youth also attend the annual Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations' conference that takes place each Memorial Day weekend in different locations across North America. Tzofim plan social action events together, organize social action projects open to the broader, and help plan and staff holiday programs.

SOCIAL ACTION

Social action is at the heart of Secular Humanistic Judaism. A firm belief that Jews are responsible and accountable for one's own history, actions, and future motivates JCS members to view tikkun olam, (repairing the world,) as a very high priority.

The Social Action Committee (SAC) of JCS is active in tikkun olam by keeping members up to date about current issues of interest. JCS members are encouraged to speak freely about all social issues, no matter how controversial. The JCS community believes that respectful, open dialogue with each other is the best way to solve problems.

JCS students participate in tzedakah at Sunday school. Each class identifies a social action project of interest and raise tzedakah money to donate. Community service is also a major part of the bar/bat mitzvah program. Anyone interested in social action should contact Bob Davidow and Susan Grubb, the JCS Social Action Committee chairs, to learn more about current social action projects at the community email address, jcs@jccfed.org.

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Pardes Hannah, Ann Arbor's Jewish Renewal Community, provides an intimate setting to enter deeply into prayer through chanting, kabbalistic meditation, movement, traditional davening, and openhearted engagement with Torah. Pardes Hannah offers Shabbat morning and Kabbalat Shabbat services, Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur services and a variety of spiritual and educational study sessions and celebrations throughout the cycle of the Jewish year.

Pardes Hannah meets the 2nd Shabbat of the month for Shabbat morning services held at Beth Israel Annex, 2010 Washtenaw Avenue, and then during the month alternate (usually on the 4th Shabbat) with a Shabbat morning learners minyan (held at Beth Israel Annex), the third meal—*"seudat shilshit"*—singing table melodies and learnings from Jewish mystical texts, or Kabblat Shabbat services (held at people's homes). Check the website for dates, location and more information.

Services are led by Rabbi Elliot Ginsburg, founder and spiritual leader of Pardes Hannah, and other skilled leaders in the group. In the tradition of Jewish Renewal communities (see www.aleph.org), Pardes Hannah is committed to strengthening the three pillars of Jewish life—prayer, study, and action. The goals of Jewish Renewal are to empower individuals to respond to the call of Torah and to provide the resources that assist individuals and communities in the search for a meaningful, Jewish spiritual practice. Jewish Renewal draws on the well- springs of Jewish tradition, on sacred texts, mystical practices, historical currents, artistic expression, and individuals' own inner truths.

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Temple Beth Emeth is a Reform Congregation, affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism, committed to enhancing religious life in Ann Arbor through religious, spiritual, cultural, educational, social action, and social programming. The congregation strives to create a sense of family, a "caring community," for all its members—a place in which its members can celebrate their joys or share difficult moments surrounded by people who care.

Last year, TBE focused on Torah. TBE embarks this year on a path to strengthen individual connections to Torah, to the congregation, and to the wider community. These connections will be made through study, social action, and prayer across all age groups. TBE will host the first-ever Union for Reform Judaism Religious Action Center weekend in Ann Arbor. Additionally, Ben Steinberg, a composer

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of Jewish music, is coming to teach and perform. The year will begin with a congregational picnic on Sunday, August 26.

TBE continues to meet the needs of a diverse congregation by providing a spectrum of Shabbat services that reflect the various needs and spiritual journeys of its members. Every Friday evening, Shabbat begins with Tot Shabbat at 5:30 p.m. Parents and children are invited for dinner at 6 p.m. followed by *shira* (songs) in the chapel or Sukkat Shalom. Sukkat Shalom, a service geared toward children from kindergarten through lower elementary grades, begins at 6:30 p.m. Both the Tot and Sukkat Shalom Services conclude with a popsicle oneg at 7 p.m. At 7:30 p.m. there is a service using the Reform prayer book, *Mishkan Tefilah*.

Shabbat morning begins with a Torah study led by Rabbi Levy or Rabbi Delson at 8:50 a.m. TBE clergy lead Shabbat morning services in the sanctuary at 10 a.m. on weeks when there is a bar or bat mitzvah, or in the chapel other mornings.

There also are opportunities for Shabbat celebrations throughout the year, such as a Human Rights Shabbat hosted by Social Action, Sisterhood's National Centennial Celebration, Brotherhood Shabbat, and New Member Shabbat, which also includes recognition of members at their double chai (36th) membership anniversary, birthdays and anniversaries. A detailed schedule of services is posted on the TBE website.

ADULT CHOIR

Jewish music plays an important role at TBE under the direction of Cantor Annie Rose. The adult choir, Kol Halev, sings during High Holy Day services, on a monthly basis at Friday night services and at concerts and in nursing homes throughout the year. Veterans of two international concert tours and several concerts with the Ann Arbor Symphony, Kol Halev also present concerts throughout Michigan, including a concert with the adult choir of St. Clare's Episcopal Church.

YOUTH, MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL ENSEMBLES

The Youth Choir, with members in grades 3-5, performs in services and concerts at the temple and in the community, including the Main Street Sing.

Middle School Shir Chadash and High School Shir Chadash, the student choral and instrumental ensembles, perform in

services and concerts and periodically hold "Cafe" evenings of music in an informal cafe atmosphere. High School Shir Chadash travels each year to other communities to lead services and give concerts. A late-winter concert by all four ensembles is one of the highlights of the year.

SOCIAL ACTION

The mission of the Social Action Committee of Temple Beth Emeth is to assist the congregation in applying Jewish values to promote social justice through aid, education, and advocacy. These efforts to promote tikkun olam concentrate on selected issues each year that are of concern to local or global communities.

The committee's priorities for involvement and programs for the coming year include: hunger, homelessness and poverty, Israel. human rights issues, and the environment.

Ongoing activities include volunteer teams at The Back Door Food Pantry; a vegetable garden for the pantry; involvement with Interfaith Hospitality Network/Alpha House; twice monthly dates at the Delonis Center; and the fourth year of partnership with the Shelter Association's Rotating Shelter during Thanksgiving week. Mitzvah Day is an annual one-day service event with several hundred TBE volunteers providing services to county agencies.

SISTERHOOD AND BROTHERHOOD

The Sisterhood hosts broad-based activities that support both its members and the congregation as a whole. Members run the gift shop that offers a wide selection of Judaica and special order items. Brotherhood is both a service and educational group for the congregation, sponsoring the latke dinner, building the sukkah, and holding both social and educational meetings for its members. (See Men's and Women's organizations.)

ADULT EDUCATION/PROGRAMS

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This year TBE will focus on creating and maintaining connections with others. Preparing Your Heart for the High Holy Day will kick off the year with a learning session on the Individual in Community and Selichot Under the Stars on September 8, at 8 p.m. The Beit Café series highlights the knowledge and wisdom held within the congregation. These sessions are held every other month beginning in November free of charge.

TBE also offers a wide variety of educational opportunities for adults, such as an adult b'nai mitzvah study track; semester courses in special topics; Basic Judaism courses; study with Rabbi Levy, Cantor Rose and Rabbi Delson; weekly Shabbat Morning Torah Study; a Shabbaton (extended Shabbat programming) with a scholar-in-residence; book clubs; bi-monthly Men's and Women's Torah Study; educational holiday programs; and a themed lecture series. Cantor Rose will facilitate a Spirituality Book Club, offered as an evening and daytime class. Programs are open to everyone in the community. Stay connected to TBE through the website and Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/templebethemetha2).

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The Caring Community program provides a congregation-wide opportunity to serve fellow congregants in times of joy and sorrow, by assisting with meals for families with new babies, with congregants who are ill or recovering from surgery, or for a house of mourning. CCVC also provides rides to doctor's appointments and rides for services and events at TBE.

Bikkur Cholim provides visits to TBE members who are hospitalized, in nursing centers, or at home. Nachamu (TBE's Bereavement Group) conducts shiva services at congregants' homes and provides training for others to participate in this mitzvah. Caregivers support groups meet to support adult children caring for parents locally and out of town.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Holidays provide the perfect venue for festive events. During Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, TBE offers traditional services along with family services, youth services, and a service for tots and their parents. High Holy Day Services are held at Eastern Michigan University's Pease Auditorium.

TBE has a family Sukkot picnic with sukkah decorating. Simchat Torah combines two events, an early celebration with singing and dance, and a later adult Torah study. For the Family Chanukah Service and the Brotherhood Latke Dinner families bring their menorahs to light during the service. On December 25, the congregation always sponsors a movie at the Michigan Theater. Purim is celebrated with a fun megillah reading and carnival. The Second Night Seder celebrates Passover in the spirit of community. A Yom HaShoah/Holocaust Memorial Service is written and led by the Generations After group, children of Holocaust survivors. Shavuot brings services written and led by the confirmation class and an evening of adult study.

TOT PROGRAMS

In addition to Tot Shabbat, Tot Chanukah is held in conjunction with the annual family service and tot activities are part of the annual Purim carnival. Caring Community provides baby bags to welcome the newest members of the community. The tot-friendly website offers songs, stories, and blessings: www.tbetots.org.

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

TNT, the 20s and 30s group at TBE for young Jewish adults, single or married, meets for cultural and social events. Gatherings in the past have included canoeing, BBQ in the Sukkah, a Detroit Tigers game, potluck Shabbat dinners, picnics, and volunteering at community organizations. TNT frequently co-sponsors events with other local Jewish young adult groups, including a partnership with J-Hub. The Renaissance Group (RG), for members aged 55 and over, holds potluck dinners, game nights, attends theater events, and other activities, in an effort to encourage connections among members who no longer have children in the religious school.

TEMPLE BETH EMETH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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Temple Beth Emeth strives to educate its students to become proficient in the skills needed to be life-long Jewish learners. TBE provides students with a curriculum based on Reform Jewish educational philosophy in a manner that is creative, engaging and intellectually stimulating. The Religious and Hebrew School programs serve students from preschool age through grade 12. The curriculum includes studies in customs and traditions, Torah, holidays, life cycle, prayer, music, history, theology, Israel, immigration, comparative Judaism, the Holocaust and Jewish ethics.

LOWER GRADES

Religious School for preschool-5th grade students is held at TBE on Saturday mornings in two sessions: 8:30–10:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Shabbat mornings are filled with singing, Israeli dance, stories, the study of Jewish history, Torah, Israel, mitzvot, ethics and holidays. Each grade has a different focus and the approach is an active hands-on one.

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

A monthly parent-child class focusing on Jewish holidays and home rituals is available for three-year-olds. There are family social and educational programs for each grade level. Parenting workshops are offered on a variety of topics throughout the year. A Jewish artist is invited to perform for students and their families each year. On Shabbat morning there is an adult Torah study session, followed by services in the chapel, during the first session of religious school. These activities help to develop a sense of community and encourage parents to continue their own educational growth.

HEBREW

Students are introduced to the Hebrew alphabet in second grade, and formal Hebrew School begins in 3rd grade and continues through 6th grade. The Hebrew program focuses on Hebrew reading skills and an understanding of the meaning and structure of the prayers. Students are introduced to conversational Hebrew and grammar. TBE offers conversational Hebrew in 8th grade.

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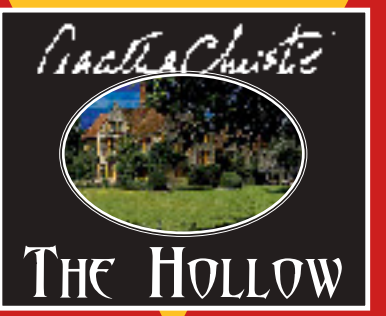

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MUSIC

Students enjoy a strong Jewish music program, led by experienced song leaders as part of the weekly Saturday morning program. Cantor Annie Rose leads a Youth Choir for students in grades 3–5 and Shir Chadash, vocal and instrumental groups for middle and high school students. The groups meet at times that are coordinated with Hebrew and religious school sessions.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Sixth through 12th grades have class on Sunday evenings from 6–7:30 p.m. The 160 students participating in this program can share pizza and social time before the formal class session begins. Seventh graders study mitzvot and participate in a variety of social action projects. The 8th grade class, which studies modern Jewish history, ends with a trip to Jewish New York. The 10th grade confirmation class is taught by Rabbi Levy and culminates in a Shabbat service written and led by the students. Eleventh and 12th grade seminar options include courses such as "Contemporary Jewish Culture,""Repair the World: Being the Change," and "Family Relations in the Book of Genesis."

MADRICHIM PROGRAM

Ninth grade students participate in a year-long training program, which prepares them for working as a madrich/a (classroom aide). Students in grades 10–12 work as office or classroom aides. Fifty-one madrichim worked in the classrooms last year.

ADVANCED HEBREW STUDY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

High school students are able to receive public school credit (through the Community Resource program) for studying Hebrew language. There were 26 students involved in the Keshet Hebrew CR program last year.

TBE YOUTH GROUPS

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Cantor Annie Rose, youth director
Brett Willner, youth advisor

ANN ARBOR TEMPLE YOUTH (AARTY)—FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

AARTY is a youth group for Jewish high school students. The AARTY board plans a wide range of events including religious, cultural, social action, social events, and opportunities for Jewish learning outside of the classroom. Religious events include planning their own High Holiday and Shabbat services. Social action opportunities include organizing TBE's annual High Holiday Food Drive; participating in the Trick-or-Can Drive on Halloween; baking and selling cookies to raise money for local non-profits; and volunteering at Mitzvah Day and local non-profits. Affiliated with the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY), AARTY participants have the opportunity to attend several regional events where they can learn and socialize with Jewish youth from around Michigan. Additional opportunities include a NFTY-sponsored leadership camp in New York, intensive Hebrew summer camp in Wisconsin, outdoor biking and camping trips, Mitzvah Corps programs, and trips to Israel.

For the first time, TBE is offering an Alternative Spring Break program for 10th–12th graders. Along with Rabbi Delson, this group will spend four days (April 4–7) in Detroit with "Summer In the City," a Detroit-based non-profit.

KADIMA—MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Middle school students meet on a monthly basis for programs in the social action, religious, cultural and social areas. Kadima members meet with their advisor to design and plan their programs. Activities include joint programming with other middle school-age youth groups from Reform temples in the region. Recent programs have included a shul-in, visits to area attractions, holiday services and retreats.

RISHONIM—3RD–5TH GRADERS

Rishonim meets monthly to give 4th and 5th graders an opportunity to socialize in a setting outside of religious school. Events include holiday celebrations and other social activities.

ZINNHOUSE (JEWISH-INTERFAITH)

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ZinnHouse offers a unique Jewish-Interfaith perspective serving primarily, but not only, Jewish-Intermarried families. Based on extensive practice, ZinnHouse encourages faith development by combining attention to learning Jewish essentials with intention to nurturing "interfaith opportunities."

PROGRAMS

- The Hebrew Play Group, a spiritual and religious educational program via classes or tutoring for kids ages 7–14 focusing on Hebrew literacy, mitzvah coming of age preparation, and philosophy for children
- SOULutions (a mussar-inspired study group) and Embrace Death (a study group to process and prepare) for adults of all backgrounds
- Custom interfaith ceremonies, Jewbilation services, and holiday celebrations
- Coaching locally and abroad for singles, couples, grandparents, and families as they balance multiple inherited/adopted traditions while "fiddling on the roof"

Lauren Zinn builds on years of experience teaching both kids and adults, facilitating groups, designing instruction, and leading services as well as raising her children in an interfaith marriage. Zinn holds a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in interdisciplinary educational planning, an masters degree in philosophy, and received ordination from Rabbi Joseph H. Gelberman of The All Faiths Seminary. She currently serves on the board of The Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County and is the creator and annual organizer of Faces of Faith, a community-wide interfaith opportunity.

older adult programs

JCC OLDER ADULTS PROGRAM

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Nancy Margolis, interim executive directorr

The Jewish Community Center's Older Adult Program, known as the SPICE (Social, Physical, Intellectual, Cultural and Educational) program, offers a wide range of activities for senior citizens. The SPICE program is a unique resource for the Jewish community, providing information, involvement, and opportunities for developing new friendships

and for welcoming newcomers moving into the Ann Arbor area. It validates the talent and expertise of seniors and welcomes all who want to add some "SPICE" to their life.

Regularly scheduled programming includes exercise, games and crafts, current event discussions and special presentations, as well as homemade dairy lunches offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Periodically, special events such as concerts, classes and trips take place on other days of the week. Additionally, health monitoring, information and prevention events such as blood pressure checks, memory screening and immunizations are offered. A variety of volunteer activities offer seniors additional ways to socialize and participate in the Jewish community.

The SPICE program provides a range of social, educational, and cultural programming for seniors, including workshops, presentations, and holiday celebrations (such as a community-wide Senior Seder). Groups meeting weekly include current events, literature, creative crafts, and mah jongg. Aerobic and strength-training exercise classes meet twice weekly. The Yiddish group meets weekly to converse and read in Yiddish. A variety of weekly presentations by guest speakers and entertainers aim to inform and stimulate.

The JCC is home to many senior activities that are collaborations with other local organizations. The annual Afternoon Delights series at the JCC features members of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra. Intergenerational activities are held with the JCC Early Childhood Center and the Hebrew Day School. Additionally the JCC partners with Washtenaw Community College and the University of Michigan Turner Geriatric Center's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute to provide a spectrum of classes and seminars.

In conjunction with the JCC, Jewish Family Services (JFS) helps older adults maintain their independence and enhance their involvement with the community. Geriatric social workers provide case management, assessment, short-term counseling, home visits, crisis intervention, Patient Partners medical accompaniment, information, and referrals for older adults and their families. Volunteers provide friendly visiting and telephone reassurance to homebound seniors. JFS also provides services and programming for caregivers of older adults, including Caregiver Conversations (a monthly support and education group) and individualized caregiver consultation.

adult activities

CHAVERIM B'SHIRIM

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Chaverim B'Shirim is an all-volunteer choir, performing non-liturgical music by Jewish composers whose music spans from the 1600s of Salamone de Rossi to the music of today. The choir has performed the music of George Gershwin, Isaac Dunayevsky, Kurt Weill, Naomi Schemer, Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart, Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein, Stephen Sondheim, Harold Rome, and others. Director Marilyn Krimm has a doctor of musical arts degree from the University of Michigan. She has had extensive experience with Jewish music and choral groups, here and in New York.

Singers of all ages and vocal levels are welcome. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, 7–8:30 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. The group performs at the JCC every December and May.

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The Interfaith Hospitality Network provides shelter, meals and assistance to homeless families in Washtenaw County. The program utilizes existing community resources. Each host congregation provides volunteers and meals for 3–6 families for one week, every two to three months, on a rotating schedule. Social service agencies provide screening and referrals.

ISRAELI DANCING OF ANN ARBOR

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The Israeli Dancing of Ann Arbor group meets Thursday evenings, 7:30–10 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. Easier dances and oldies take place from 7:30–8:30 p.m., intermediate and requests until 10 p.m. Newcomers are always welcome to join in. Learn the latest Israeli dances and request your favorites. Families and students are welcome. ($5/students and kids are free.)

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J Street is the political home for pro-Israel, pro-peace Americans fighting for the future of Israel as the democratic homeland of the Jewish people. Members believe that Israel's Jewish and democratic character depend on a two-state solution, resulting in a Palestinian state living alongside Israel in peace and security.

Rooted in a commitment to Jewish and democratic values, J Street is redefining what it means to be pro-Israel in America. The group's goal is to change

the U.S. political dynamics around Israel by mobilizing broad support for a two-state solution, believing it's in Israel's and America's interest. JCS also believes they are expanding support for Israel by affirming — along with many Israelis — that being pro-Israel doesn't require supporting every policy of its government.

J Street Ann Arbor is the grassroots arm of national J Street. The group's mission is to amplify, promote, and organize around the J Street mission by building and expanding the base of J Street supporters, advocating to members of Congress, working with rabbis, synagogues and communal institutions, and organizing events and programming at the community level.

JCC YIDDISH GROUP

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The JCC Yiddish Group meets weekly to enjoy Yiddish conversation, literature

and culture. On the second Friday of the month, the group meets at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. for special programs. Other weeks, the group meets for informal conversation and readings in Yiddish.

JEWISH PROFESSIONALS OF ANN ARBOR

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Michigan Jewish Professionals was established in 2006 to provide local Jewish professionals with opportunities for networking and professional development. The group is open to anyone who works in a professional capacity at an area Jewish agency or is a Jewish professional with strong Ann Arbor connections. The group meets monthly (September–June) and holds special events throughout the year.

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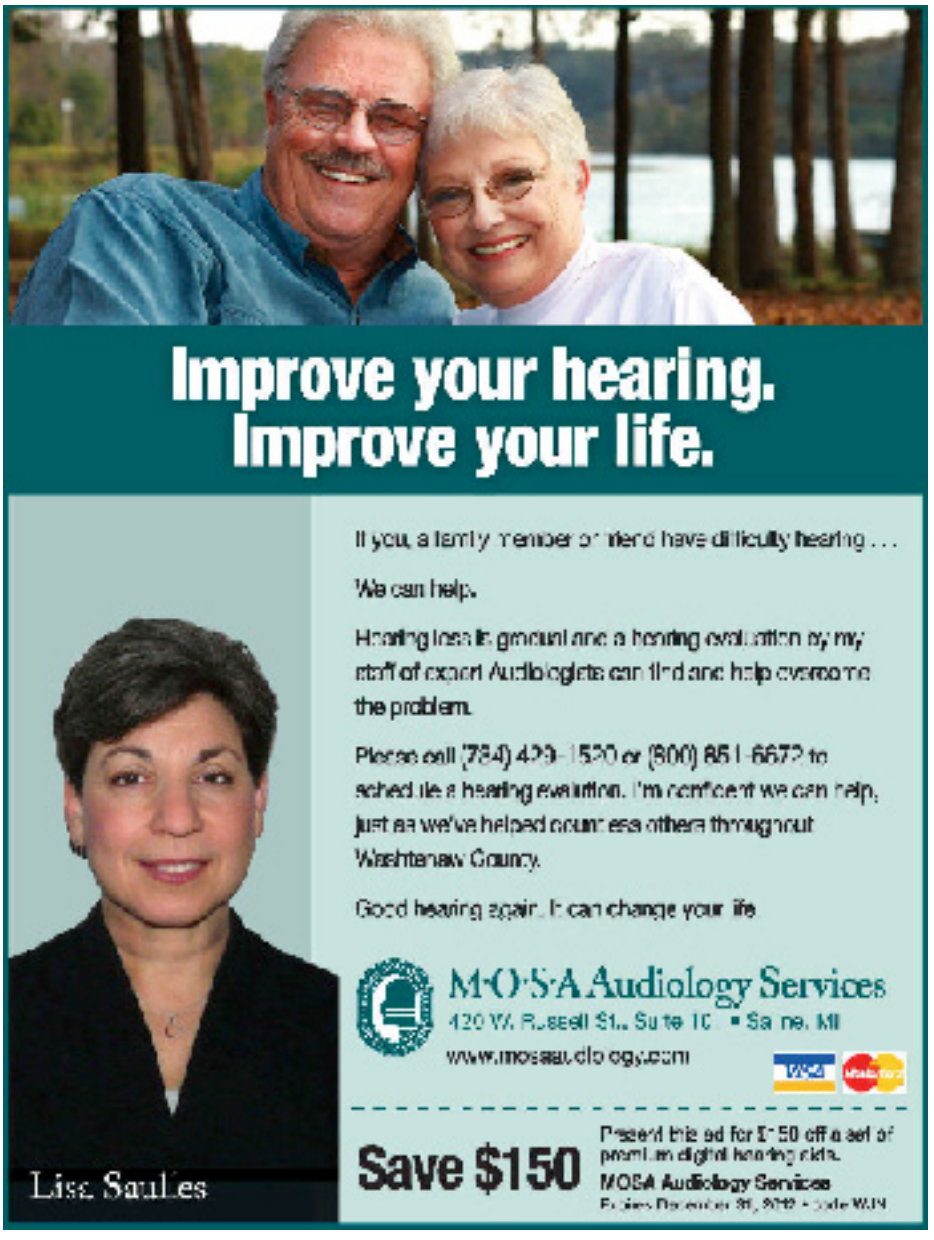
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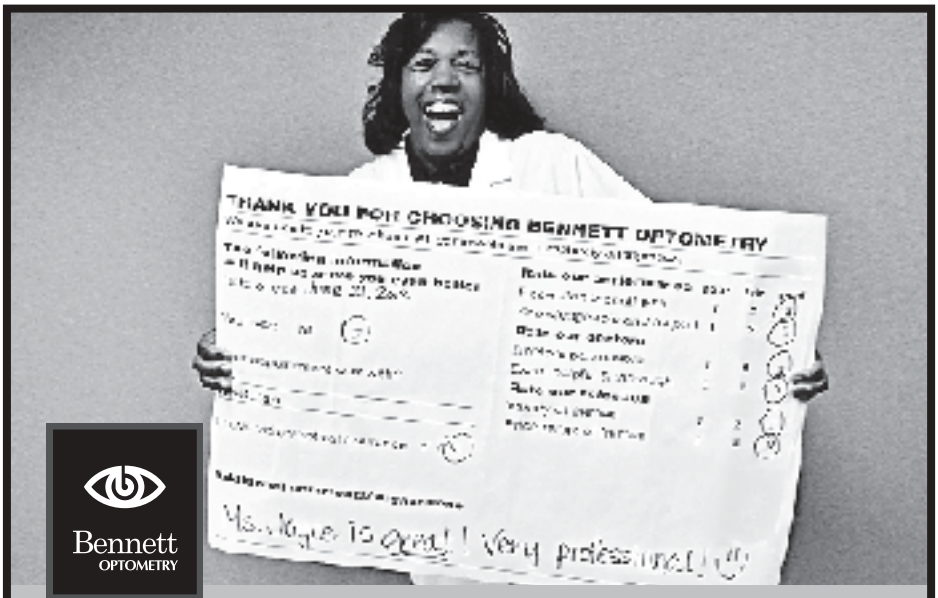

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Raoul Wallenberg proved to the world that one person can make a difference in the face of evil. A Swedish citizen who graduated with the highest honors from the University of Michigan in 1935, Wallenberg volunteered during World War II to serve as a U.S. envoy in Hungary. There, his incomparable personal courage and ingenuity saved 100,000 Jewish lives. Today Raoul Wallenberg is recognized as one of the great humanitarians of the twentieth century; he is also one of the University of Michigan's most distinguished alumni.

The Wallenberg Endowment funds an annual lecture and medal presentation to honor this international hero, whose character was partly shaped by his years in school here. Since 1990, this endowed program at the University of Michigan has awarded an annual Wallenberg Medal to an individual whose humanitarian actions exemplify those of Raoul Wallenberg. The medalist program has brought the twentieth century's most outstanding humanitarians to campus to tell their stories.

Wallenberg Medal recipients include, among others, Nobel laureates Elie Wiesel; His Holiness the Dalai Lama; Miep Gies, the woman who supported Anne Frank and her family in hiding; Helen Suzman, a member of the South African parliament; Marion Pritchard, a Dutch woman who rescued Jewish babies during World War II; Simcha Rotem, a Warsaw ghetto fighter; the mime Marcel Marceau, who as a member of the French Resistance smuggled Jewish children into Switzerland; United States Congressman and civil rights leader John Lewis; and Paul Rusesabagina, a hotel manager who sheltered more than a thousand people from certain death during Rwanda's civil strife.

The Wallenberg Committee deeply believes that young people must be told the story of Raoul Wallenberg. When Wallenberg's sister, Nina Lagergren, came from Sweden in the fall of 2001 to accept the Wallenberg Medal on behalf of her brother, she emphasized in her lecture the importance of reaching out to young people. It is, after all, the best way to begin to change the world. The Wallenberg Committee believes that the example of Raoul Wallenberg can turn young people

from helpless cynicism to resolute hopefulness and to awaken them to the belief that one person can make a difference.

For more information about the Wallenberg lecture and ceremony this year, contact Wendy Ascione.

YIDISH TISH (YIDDISH CONVERSATIONAL GROUP)

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Spend a *heymish* hour in *der alter heym* speaking and listening to *mame-loshn*, Yiddish. This informal conversational group, which has been meeting at various venues on and near the University of Michigan central campus for the last several years, is free and open to all lovers of Yiddish language and culture, no matter what level of proficiency, regardless of age, and whether affiliated with the university or not. All manner of topics are discussed, with an effort to improve participants' Yiddish speaking skills, especially vocabulary. Everyone is welcome to join in at any time, or to just listen. Bring your own lunch, if you like, or purchase something from the café. *Iz, kumt un hot hanoe*!

The group meets every Tuesday (except major Jewish holidays and January 1, July 4, and the last week of December) all year round at 1:30 p.m. at Beanster's Café, ground floor near the North University entrance in the Michigan League, 911 North University.

men's organizations

BROTHERHOOD, TEMPLE BETH EMETH

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George Brielof , president

Temple Beth Emeth Brotherhood is an organization dedicated to nurturing men's involvement in Temple life. Its goal is to assist members to become better Jews and better men through increased participation in Temple and Brotherhood activities. Active involvement in the congregation and the community bring members together spiritually and socially. Brotherhood is dedicated to providing programming that is meaningful and relevant to its members. An up-to-date calendar can be found on the group's webpage, as well as photos of past events.

MEN'S CLUB, BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

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Members of the Beth Israel Congregation Men's Club meet about once a month and implement several important projects over the course of the congregation year. They maintain the congregation website, organize the ushers over the High Holidays, construct the synagogue Sukkah each year and they host, in concert with Men's Clubs around the world, the Annual World Wide Wrap and Polar Bear Photo, which teaches and encourages the laying of *tefillin* by both men and women. In addition they plan trips to baseball games, help maintain the Beth Israel grounds, and sponsor the annual Gershowitz Memorial Shabbat, which encourages men and women to learn to lead new parts of the service. They also organize the distribution of Yom HaShoah memorial candles to the congregation.

women's organizations

HADASSAH

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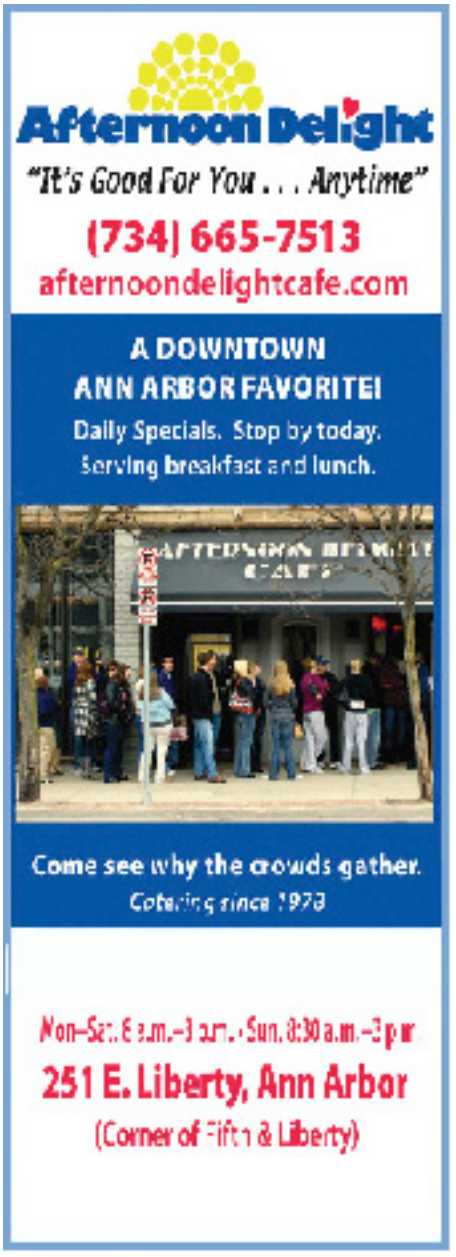
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activism. It is an organization for women of all ages, providing social outlets and educational opportunities that raise awareness and empower women. The chapter's programs address health, cultural, political and spiritual issues that matter.

Local Hadassah activities include educational programs and several interest groups, including Mahjong, Book Club, and Bridge. The chapter hosts various fundraising efforts, such as a rummage re-sale and a donor campaign. Programs that are benefited by the fundraisers include the Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem, the Hadassah College Jerusalem, Youth Aliyah/ Children at Risk, and the Jewish National Fund. Hadassah is proud that 94 percent of its fundraising dollars goes directly to such worthwhile projects locally, nationally, in Israel and throughout the world.

This year, 2012, marks the 100th anniversary of Hadassah's founding by Henrietta Szold. To commemorate this centennial year, Hadassah will be dedicating The Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower in Jerusalem in October 2012. The Tower will replace a 50-year-old hospital building with outmoded patient rooms and operating rooms that cannot accommodate state-of-the-art equipment. The Tower is Hadassah's gift to the people of Israel.

Hadassah annual dues are $36 and life membership is currently $212.

JEWISH WOMEN'S CIRCLE

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Esther Goldstein, coordinator

The Jewish Women's Circle brings together Jewish women of all ages and backgrounds to learn, laugh, experience and rejuvenate the mind, body and soul. Each of their meetings features discussions, a do-it-yourself activity, a chance to socialize and meet new friends. The group meets 6-7 times a year. There are no membership fees for the group. The Jewish Women's Circle of Washtenaw County is open to all women in the community.

MIKVAH ISRAEL

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Today, the Mikvah is mainly used as a vital part of the laws of family purity. As it has always been the role of a Jewish wife to set the spiritual tone of her home, it is the Jewish wife who ensures the spiritual dimension of the intimate marriage relationship.

The community mikvah (ritual bath), located at Chabad House, is available for use by the Jewish community. The Ann Arbor Mikvah Israel facility employs a state-of-the-art pool filtering, disinfecting and heating system and is the only such facility between Detroit and Chicago.

Mikvah Israel supports and maintains the mikvah. A nominal donation is asked of all users.

Mikvah Israel also provides educational material for anyone interested in learning more about this mitzvah. Speakers are available for organizations.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE, BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

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Beth Israel Women's League members are dynamic women who embrace meaningful projects and Jewish learning. Women's League actively supports Beth Israel in a variety of ways with a special emphasis on welcoming new members of Beth Israel and building community.

Women's League hosts Cafés on select Sunday mornings during the religious school year in Beth Israel's social hall. The Cafés offers food and and a welcoming place to relax while children are in school. Enjoy the free Wi-Fi, read the paper, catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

Women's League members are active in the greater Jewish community as well as the community-at-large. This year Women's League is partnering with the Issac Agree Downtown Synagogue in Detroit. In addition, members participate in the annual CROP walk to raise funds for Mazon.

The Women's League Gift Shop offers Judaica items for all occasions. Proceeds from sales help support Beth Israel, Beth Israel Religious School, Jewish Chaplains in the U.S. Armed Forces, the Jewish Theological Seminary, Beth Israel's Alternative Spring Break program for teens and the group's sister chapter in Israel. Jewish community.

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TBE Sisterhood is also the Ann Arbor chapter of Women of Reform Judaism. In addition to social occasions, the group organizes a variety of activities and programs that support congregational, local and international WRJ initiatives. Active volunteers make for a friendly and welcoming way for women to engage in TBE community life. Non-TBE members are also welcome to join.

Sweet Beginnings is an award-winning "review party" on the first day of Hebrew School in the fall. Each bar and bat mitzvah receives a kiddush cup from Sisterhood, and college students receive gift packages at Chanukah and Purim. First-time Jewish campers receive scholarship support. Sisterhood contributes to the TBE Youth Advisor's salary, to AARTY convention travel, and additional funds to the TBE religious school.

The entire Jewish Community is welcome to shop at the Sisterhood-run TBE Gift Shop which carries a wide variety of Judaica in a broad price range. The shop is open Mondays and Wednesdays during Hebrew School, Fridays before services, and Sundays, 5:30–7 p.m. It is also open by appointment; contact Amy Paberzs (668-6842; amypab@hotmail.com).

Local non-profits receive donations or support through Sisterhood. Members also cook and staff the Ronald McDonald House during Christian holidays.

Through the WRJ affiliation, Sisterhood contributes to the Hebrew Union Collage (rabbinic and cantorial scholarships), the

Jewish Braille Institute, the World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ), and several Reform nursery schools in Israel. Sisterhood board members benefit from WRJ leadership training and resource sharing at district and national meetings.

In addition to these programs, the group has informal monthly dinners and lunches, afternoon and evening mahj groups, biweekly Women's Torah Study, a Book/Movie Club, periodic lectures, workshops, trips, and activities. This year's welcoming brunch will be held September 26.

ORT AMERICA, ANN ARBOR CHAPTER

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Members of the Ann Arbor Chapter of ORT America raise money each year to support World ORT with its goals of providing students with marketable skills which enable them to attain successful

careers, become community leaders, and live independently.

The chapter holds three major events during the year. The Fall Opening event will be held on Sunday, September 9. The event will be a brunch with the theme "Bagels & Grits: In Mom's Jewish Kitchen Down South." The Fall Brunch is a great place to learn about ORT America's activities and reconnect with friends.

The annual Chanukah party will be on Sunday, December 9. The Donor dinner will take place in Spring, 2013, (date tba). Members and prospective members are encouraged to attend to learn more about ORT and to socialize with old and new friends.

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may join the monthly Book Group, which discusses books of Jewish content. The Cinema Club also meets monthly for dinner and a movie. Greeting cards and tributes, for all occasions and holidays, are available from the chapter. Annual donations of $54 or more are requested to help World ORT fund its important programs.

Each year, over 300,000 students in 55 countries are trained and empowered by ORT's cutting-edge curriculum and strategic education initiatives. Closer to home, the Hermelin ORT Resource Center in West Bloomfield offers a wide range of classes and programs, including the very successful Better Jobs Opportunity Program, which provides job skills training to the unemployed and under-employed in southeastern Michigan.

campus organizations

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Hillel at Eastern Michigan University is a pluralistic Jewish cultural and educational organization serving Jewish students at Eastern and Washtenaw Community College. It is the only Jewish organization in Ypsilanti, and often the only Jewish connection for EMU students during their college years. Hillel at EMU operates out of a renovated house on Washtenaw Avenue across from the EMU campus.

Hillel at EMU regularly partners with Eastern faculty and EMU Campus Life to bring major speakers and events to campus. Offerings by Hillel at EMU include student-prepared Shabbat Dinners, holiday celebrations, bowling nights, and opportunities for Jewish learning and exploration. In addition to serving the EMU and WCC Jewish student populations, Hillel at EMU works to educate the broader campus communities and advocate for Jewish students. Hillel at EMU is dedicated to empowering and engaging Jewish students, strengthening their connection to Judaism, and guiding them to become future Jewish community leaders. Hillel at EMU gives students the tools to explore Jewish life as independent young adults.

GROUPS AND INITIATIVES

Student Advisory Board. Student volunteer leaders work together to maintain Hillel at EMU's presence on both the EMU and WCC campuses by engaging peers in Jewish discussions, events, and activities.

Shabbat Student Corps. EMU and WCC students join together to prepare and lead Kabbalat Shabbat Services and Shabbat dinner about twice per month. Students create their own meaningful and engaging Shabbat experiences, including themed dinners, engaging discussions, and family-included Shabbat evenings.

Alternative Spring Break (ASB). Students devote their spring break to hands-on community service and social justice work. Participants use Jewish values and ideas as a framework to explore the inequalities of society and what they can do as individuals and as an organized group to address these challenges.

Taglit-Birthright Israel. Hillel at EMU connects students to this free 10-day, life-altering trip to Israel through Taglit-Birthright Israel trip providers. Any Jews ages 18-26 who have never been to Israel on an organized peer trip can apply in February for the annual spring/summer trips.

Gaygle. EMU's Jewish Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Allies student group provides an accepting atmosphere where students of any sexual orientation and any Jewish background can build a supportive Jewish community around LGBT Issues and offer educational programs and events on campus.

Jewish Education Students . This student group promotes cross-cultural understanding in EMU's School of Education. It provides Jewish students with opportunities to network with one another and to explore professional possibilities as Jewish educators. Jewish Ed students provide important opportunities for non-Jewish education students to gain a greater understanding of Judaism as it relates to their future students.

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Hillel is the second largest student programming organization at the University of Michigan and serves as an umbrella organization for over 50 independent student groups. These groups represent

a diverse spectrum of approaches to Jewish life that combines the religious (traditional and alternative), cultural, intellectual, political and social. At U-M Hillel students work hard and play hard. Groups are peer-led and students gain invaluable leadership skills from their experiences. Hillel is one of the best places to hang out on the U-M campus whether to catch a movie, enjoy a gourmet kosher meal (lunch and dinner served daily) or to use as a study space (the Hillel building has wireless internet access). There is also a wide array of information about jobs, scholarships, study abroad, visiting Israel, programs happening on campus and volunteer opportunities in the community. U-M Hillel staff provide support, guidance, counseling and leadership development for students on campus.

ISRAEL GROUPS AND PROGRAMS

AMI, the American Movement for Israel, sponsors educational, political and cultural events and programs to promote support and understanding of Israel and its people.

iLead (Israel Leadership), focuses on Israel education, advocacy and engagement skill building, and development among student leaders.

JStreet Umich promotes progressive social and political issues and peace initiatives. The group also co-sponsors dialogue and discussion with other student groups on campus.

TAMID: Israel Investment Group, is a student led initiative that pioneers the next generation of American commitment to Israel by connecting business-minded students with the Israeli economy.

U-M Hillel's **Taglit-Birthright** Israel trip provides an opportunity for an exhilarating free 10-day visit to Israel for students 18–26 during Winter break or in May.

JEWISH LEARNING

From weekly classes (Talmud, yoga, and more) to informal discussions to dialogue groups there is always Jewish learning going on at Hillel. How does Judaism fit into who you are becoming? How does your learning inf uence your beliefs? Hillel can help you with these big questions.

Shulchan Ivrit provides a weekly opportunity for students of all levels of proficiency to speak Hebrew together.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Hillel offers a variety of religious services on Friday nights and holidays:, creative, musical Reform services; an egalitarian Conservative minyan; and Shalvah, a spirited "partnership minyan" with Carlebach melodies. The Orthodox minyan which serves students, faculty, and community members also holds daily services.

OTHER PROGRAMS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Kol HaKavod is U-M Hillel's a cappella singing group. The ensemble performs a varied repertoire of close harmonies in English, Hebrew, and Ladino, with music taken from Jewish liturgical and historical sources, Israeli folk songs, and translated popular tunes.

SHOUT, Students Honoring Outstanding University Teaching, conducts a campus-wide nomination process in order to select the year's recipient of the Golden Apple Award. The winning U-M teacher, in addition to receiving a Golden Apple trophy and a cash prize, delivers his or her ideal "last lecture." The Golden Apple Award is sponsored by Hillel and Apple Computer Inc. and is co-sponsored by more than 20 U-M academic units and student groups.

Consider Magazine is a publication presenting different viewpoints on a variety of issues, both local and international. It is available in racks at Hillel and in most major university buildings.

Volunteers in Action is a social action group that works in soup kitchens and on projects for the homeless, children, and the elderly. It often collaborates with other community groups.

J-GAME: The Jewish Graduate student program consists of several organizations that serve Jewish graduate students. These organizations are based both on professional schools and interests: JAGS (Jewish Association of Graduate Students), JLSA (Jewish Law Student Association), RJSA (Ross Jewish Students Association), OJSW (Organization of Jewish Social Workers), JeMSA (Jewish Medical Students Association), J-GAME Israel, J-GAME Social Events, J-GAME Jewish Learning, J-GAME Sports, and J-GAME Friday Night Dinners. Students can choose to be on as many or as few of these lists as possible. These groups meet frequently, offering a setting for graduate students to meet their peers.

AAJR –African American Jewish Relations –builds positive connections between the Black and Jewish communities on campus by exploring their historical and cultural roots.

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The Conference on the Holocaust (COTH) is a year-long series of events planned by students designed to present a cross-section of scholarly, personal, historical and theological perspectives on the Holocaust. COTH organizes an annual trip for university students to tour the Holocaust Museum in Suburban Detroit and a Survivors' Luncheon, which hosts over 40 survivors and 300 students.

Jewish Greek Council brings together Jewish students who are members of sororities and fraternities. The group sponsors social action projects and hosts Shabbat dinners and social events.

The Intramural Sports Program fields a broad range of teams that compete in the U-M's intramural sports program. These teams compete in soccer, football, volleyball, softball, floor hockey, and ice hockey in which Hillel has won the campus championship twice in the past three years.

Maize & Blue Games is a community service group designed to help support Detroit inner city youth sports programs for underprivileged youth by raising money through Michigan students' participation in Intramural and other sports activities.

Sarah's Kitchen, also called "Hillel's Café," serves gourmet lunches and dinners Sunday-Friday during the academic year. U-M students on board contract in a residence hall can use their "Blue Bucks" to pay for meals, and anyone can eat at Hillel on a walk-in basis. Friday night Shabbat dinners are available to U-M students at no charge.

Challah for Hunger raises awareness of and money for hunger and disaster relief through the baking and selling of challah.

MuJew brings Muslim and Jewish students together on campus. There is also an annual alternative spring break trip to help build the MuJew community.

The Jewish Penicillin Hotline (iwantsoup@umich.edu) delivers kosher chicken soup with matzoh balls to any U-M student who is feeling sick.

The Jewish Women's Forum explores women's roles in Judaism, offering study groups, speakers, Rosh Hodesh celebrations, and an annual women's seder.

Alternative Spring Breaks are an opportunity to do chesed and tzedek to repair the world. Past service projects were in Detroit, Birmingham, New Orleans, Uruguay, Argentina, the Ukraine, and Nicaragua.

Jewish Perspectives on Globalization provides a forum for students to explore global issues through a Jewish lens. Students develop programming to raise awareness around social responsibility, environmental awareness and being a global citizen.

Hayerukim (Hebrew for "The Greens") provides a forum for students to engage in environmental activism from a Jewish perspective and the opportunity to help create a more sustainable Hillel, university and world. Last year's Tu Bishvat seder in the School of Natural Resources and Environment was a huge success.

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Makom facilitates a series Jewish dialogues to bring together diverse Jewish students to explore various contentious issues that impact American Jews. This year one dialogue will focus on Gender and another on Israel. By finding common ground, participants build alliances, paving the way for greater respect, tolerance, inclusiveness, allyhood, and collaboration. Makom is a partnership venture with the Program on Intergroup Relations and Ask Big Questions.

Health and Wellness is a group focused on healthy living, fitness and overall wellness. The group coordinates Hillel's yoga classes (twice weekly) and organizes and co-sponsors events that promote a healthy lifestyle.

Shmooze is a Jewish cultural organization whose goal is to spread Jewish culture throughout Hillel and the university community through cultural events like the Kugel Cook-off and M-Shvitz that meets weekly to shmooze in the men's sauna.

Michigan Mensch provides mentorship and guidance for incoming Wolverines. Freshmen are paired with upperclassmen Mensches and get together once a month to chat over coffee on Hillel.

Hillel's ARTs group (HARTS) creates community and programming for students with an interest in the arts. Students come together to learn new skills and techniques and share their artistic work building up to a student exhibit.

Krav Maga –students come to Hillel for a taste of Israeli culture by learning effective Israeli self-defense techniques from a professional Krav Maga instructor.

JEngA is Hillel's Jewish Engineering Students Association, planning social and cultural events for Jewish engineers.

JEWSIC –Hillel's music program provides a forum for musical students to come together to jam and share music in monthly sessions. All levels are welcome. U-M Hillel also has a jazz and klezmer band that plays on campus and in the community.

Improfessionals is Hillel's own comedy improv group that performs all over campus and has a great fan base. Practice is weekly and tryouts happen twice a year.

FYSH –First Year Students of Hillel –and the residence student outreach committee organize social programming targeted at freshmen to help students meet and develop new friends in Hillel. These groups help foster community in residences on both North and Central Campuses.

Hillel Outdoor Adventure was started by students who express their Jewish identity by being in nature and the great outdoors. The group is inspired by Scouts and the Jewish value of bal tashchit, meaning "do not destroy," a guiding value for Jewish environmentalism and sustainable living. Outdoor Adventure enjoys camping, hiking, skiing, and snowboarding.

MEDx (Medical Exposure) - MEDx was formed out of the shared interests of students who participated in a summer ambulance volunteer program in Israel with Magen David Adom (Red Star of David, Israel's Red Cross). MEDx seeks to raise awareness about emergency preparedness on campus as as well learning about the field of medicine and supporting the overall health of our community.

Hillel is home to **Will Work for Food** (WWFF), an independent student group that encourages students to partake in a community effort and get sponsored by their family and friends with a donation to WWFF. All money raised through these sponsored work efforts will go directly to alleviate child malnutrition in Darfur through Doctors Without Borders. For more information, visit www.willworkforfood.org.

U-M Hillel is also a partner to and/or supporter of TEDxUofM, Dance Marathon, United to Heal, K-Grams, Go Blue Wear Pink, and Relay for Life, encouraging student involvement in these volunteer and fundraising initiatives.

U-M CENTER FOR MIDDLE EASTERN AND NORTH AFRICAN STUDIES

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The Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies undergraduate and master's degree programs offer an interdisciplinary understanding of the modern area. They are intended to provide broad area and language training for students with either academic or professional interests. For those who have received training in fields such as journalism, business administration, law, library science, social work, public, health and teaching, the program provides an opportunity to gain a strong background in the cultures and languages of the modern Middle East. Public lectures, film series, conferences, symposia, and teacher workshops are offered regularly. Call or email to receive a weekly email message, announcing Middle Eastern events being held on campus. Visit the website for information on Middle East-related fellowships, conferences, jobs, and more.

CHABAD HOUSE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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For over 35 years Chabad House has been a home away from home for the thousands of Jewish Students at the University of Michigan. Chabad anticipates and serves the needs of students on a social, educational

and spiritual level. At Chabad, all students are welcome, regardless of background, affiliation, and level of observance. At Chabad, students have the ability to discover the warmth and beauty of their heritage, and learn to apply the timeless Jewish principle of Ahavat Israel (love of one's fellow Jew)—at their own pace. Chabad believes that family and community are vital keys to character building. That's why they open their home to students, helping inspire them with a respect for family values and a deep meaningful concern for the land of Israel. Chabad also believes that Jewish education and meaningful experiences are the grass-roots method to fighting indifference, apathy and assimilation that face the Jewish community today.

U-M DIVISION OF HEBREW & JEWISH CULTURAL STUDIES

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Hebrew and Jewish Cultural Studies is a division of the department of Near Eastern Studies at the University of Michigan that offers classes and lectures. Undergraduate and graduate courses are offered in literature, culture and language, from ancient to modern. Examples of courses include Hebrew (all levels), Israeli Culture and Society, Perspectives on the Holocaust, Jewish Mysticism, Ancient Jewish History, Rabbinic Literature and Contemporary Israeli Literature. Hebrew classes are taught by native speakers.

In addition, faculty and visitors give talks during the academic year to which the community is invited. Contact the department to get on the lecture mailing list.

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A collaborative effort of the University of Michigan School of Social Work and the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, the Jewish Communal Leadership Program (JCLP) offers a distinctive educational opportunity for emerging leaders committed to helping Jewish communities meet 21st-century challenges while also addressing broader social concerns.

The program combines academic study in Judaic Studies and Social Work, experiential training in non-profit management, and hands-on engagement with contemporary communal challenges. Students serve as non-voting board members at local Jewish agencies and pursue field placements with outstanding community agencies locally, nationally, and around the world.

Hailing from across the United States, JCLP students become active members of the Ann Arbor Jewish community. JCLP works to expand its conversations beyond the University by hosting numerous programs with national speakers intended to engage the public in challenging discussions about the present and future of Jewish community.

Throughout their experience, JCLP students become active participants in the work of imagining and building a Jewish communal future.

U-M JUDAICA COLLECTION

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The Judaic holdings of the University of Michigan Graduate Library are part of the Near East Division of Area Programs. The collection includes some 60,000 titles in Hebrew and Yiddish. Western-language Judaica holdings number approximately 50,500. Annually, the library adds about 1,000 Hebrew and Yiddish titles to the collection and 1,500 titles relevant to Jewish studies in western languages. The Judaica/Hebraica unit of the Near East Division serves the reference and research needs of U-M faculty and graduate students, as well as members of the local community and visiting. The staff also selects and acquires materials in all languages in Jewish studies for the Library.

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Since 1970, Jewish Studies at the University of Michigan has thrived as an interdisciplinary endeavor drawing on the rich resources of a diverse faculty, educating undergraduate and graduate students, and engaging the community. The Frankel Center for Judaic Studies has become an international leader with faculty integrated in top-tier departments throughout the University of Michigan's Ann Arbor campus. The Center offers students opportunities for in-depth study of modern Jewish literatures and cultures, Hebrew and Yiddish languages, Rabbinic, law, politics, and Jewish history from the ancient to modern eras. Students benefit from the academic excellence of faculty with strengths extending from the study of ancient Jewish law to the role of Yiddish in the modern world.

The inauguration of the Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies in 2007 has made the University of Michigan a premier site for Jewish studies in the United States. Each year, the Institute brings a group of the world's leading scholars from a variety of disciplines to Ann Arbor. While at Michigan, these Institute Fellows share their research with the local community through public presentations and lectures.

The Frankel Center also sponsors numerous lectures, conferences, exhibits and other events throughout the academic year, including two high-profile annual programs: the Louis and Helen Padnos Lecture in Judaic Studies and the David W. Belin Lecture in American Jewish Affairs. All events are typically free and open to the public..

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The Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor is a K-5 private elementary school that has implemented the new Common Core Standards. HDS offers instruction in technology; visual arts; physical education that stresses teamwork; public speaking and

performance; and music that includes instrumental training in the upper grades. The school also offers a half-day immersion second language program for both modern and biblical Hebrew. Approach to learning is project-based and current with 21st century skills and technology. The school serves children from the entire spectrum of Jewish expression. A rich Jewish and American heritage is experienced through plays, musical productions, and joyous holiday celebrations. Monthly themes relate to ethical behavior, civic responsibility, and tolerance, and are supported by community service projects. Teachers differentiate instruction to meet the needs of each student. The faculty is enhanced with learning and behavioral specialists. The school atmosphere is warm, caring, and family oriented. HDS graduates are academically skilled, confident in their talents, grounded in their identities, and poised to contribute to the world.

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Keshet is an academic program for high school student, offering the opportunity to take Hebrew classes to fulfill the Foreign Language requirement, and receive high school credit as if it was any other high school class at their school. At Keshet, students meet twice a week for a total of four hours and study Modern Hebrew with professional language instructors, some of which are also U-M lecturers. Classes are small, allowing teachers to focus on their students' progress and lessons are dynamic and communicative.

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Not all Keshet students take it for credit; some are there for their love of the language and their sincere interest in learning how to communicate in Hebrew. These driven teens are an integral part of classes; they attend regularly, take the exams and participate in other Keshet activities. Keshet is proud to have such motivated students and to be a part of their busy schedules.

Keshet is recognized by the Ann Arbor Public School Community Resource (CR) department, a unique system that lets high school students take a class not offered in their school, and get credit for it. Keshet fulfills CR requirements and maintains close contact with the CR monitor throughout the year.

All classes meet on Monday nights (6:30–8:30 pm), while the other meeting day is determined in September by each teacher and their students. Monday night is pizza night, and students are invited to come earlier (6 p.m.) and enjoy social time with their peers. Keshet follows the Ann Arbor Public Schools calendar as well as the Jewish calendar, and commemorates major Israeli events such as Yitzhak Rabin's Memorial Day, Israel's Independence Day, and more.

Classrooms for Keshet are provided by both Beth Israel Congregation and Temple Beth Emeth; Keshet thankfully acknowledges the educational cooperation and support of these two synagogues and their educational directors. Keshet is funded by a grant from the Jewish Federation, and supported by donations from parents, as well as by gifts from generous members in the community who care about quality Hebrew instruction. Co-sponsors include Beth Israel Religious School and Temple Beth Emeth Religious School.

RECONSTRUCTIONIST HAVURAH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

See Congregations, Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Havurah

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See Congregations, Temple Beth Emeth

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Classes offered at Chabad House cover the spectrum from basic Hebrew reading and Talmud study groups to Chassidic and Jewish mysticism. All classes are open to all Jews, regardless of their affiliation or background. An extensive library is available with classic and modern references to complement what is taught. The current class list includes: basic Hebrew reading (individual or small group instruction), prayers and their meanings, the Jewish way of prayer and the organization of the siddur (prayer book), Talmud, Chumash (the Five Books of Moses), Rashi (the 12th-century Torah commentator), Chassidic Jewish mysticism and its application to daily Jewish life in the 20th century, The Ethics of Our Fathers, The Shulchan Aruch, and Halachah (code of Jewish law).

Chabad House offers pre-bar/bat mitzvah classes for children ages 10–13. Students preparing for bar or bat mitzvah receive instruction from Rabbi Zalman or Shternie Zweibel. Private tutorial classes are also offered to adults to learn specific areas of Torah.

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Chabad House provides access to these two milestones in computerized Judaic reference and text tools on CD-ROM. The Judaic Classics Library answers questions about the Tanach (Five Books of Moses, Prophets and Scriptures), the Babylonian Talmud and Rashis commentaries on both the Talmud and the Torah. The Global Jewish Database Project includes texts such as the Jerusalem Bible, Maimonides, the Code of Jewish Law and 253 books of Responsa (rabbinic commentaries and answers to inquiries) covering a period of over 1,000 years.

JEWISH EDUCATORS COUNCIL OF ANN ARBOR

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Terri Ginsburg, chair

The Jewish Educators Council provides Ann Arbor Jewish Educational Leaders with opportunities to discuss issues of mutual concern, develop additional professional skills and knowledge in areas of Jewish education and collaborate on programming options for teachers and students. The council consists of the directors of Beth Israel Congregation Religious School, the Hebrew Day School, the JCC Early Childhood Center, the Jewish Cultural School, the Reconstructionist Havurah, Keshet Ann Arbor and Temple Beth Emeth Religious School.

The Council sponsors opportunities for teacher training on the local level during the school year. It brings in one nationally known Scholar In Residence who leads a teacher workshop and spends time in each school working with students and one conference featuring local educational experts. The Jewish Educators Council is funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor and participating organizations.

youth activities

BETH ISRAEL YOUTH PROGRAMS

See Congregations, Beth Israel Congregation

CAMP GAN ISRAEL

tel: 995-3276 ext 5
website: www.mycampganisrael.com
Shternie Zwiebel, director

Camp Gan Israel is a summer camp dedicated to enriching the lives of children from diverse Jewish backgrounds and affiliations through a stimulating day camp experience. C.G.I. of Ann Arbor is part of the largest and fastest growing network of day camps, enjoying a reputation as a pioneer in Jewish camping, with innovative ideas and creative activities, to both provide enjoyment and inspire children to try new and exciting things.

Camp Gan Israel was created to provide children with a fun and meaningful summer program, while fostering growth individually and socially in a Jewish atmosphere. The daily schedule includes an exciting mix of sports, field trips, special programs and activities designed to be educational, fun and conducive to building character and nurturing friendships.

Camp Gan Israel is for children ages 4–13 with four divisions:

1. Mini Gan Izzy for ages 4–5 years
2. Junior Division for kids entering 1st–2nd grade
3. Sabra for kids entering 3rd–4th grade
4. Pioneer for kids entering 5th–8th grade

The program includes field trips to many places in Southeast Michigan; three-times-a-week swimming; and three-times-a-week "icamp," an innovative program where the campers can choose their activities, such as: dance, woodworking, art, tennis, a science program, gymnastics, music, jewelry making, cooking, origami, martial arts, yoga, chess, nature, and other sports. Every Friday there is a Shabbat celebration which includes a Shabbat party and challah baking.

Camp Gan Israel's Judaic programming is designed to instill campers with a love for Judaism and pride in their Jewish identity. The camp Judaic experience is comprised of engaging activities, hands-on projects, stories, songs and crafts. Camp is filled with programming that teaches children positive values and character traits, taught in a fun, exciting way.

There is a camp theme each year on which all activities center, and it is emphasized that every child, irrespective of their level of Jewish observance, becomes a part of the Gan Israel family.

Camp Gan Israel is fully licensed by the State of Michigan. It is located at Clonlara School, 1289 Jewett Road. Camp Gan Israel runs for seven weeks during the summer

GAN YELADIM ENRICHMENT

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Gan Yeladim, for children ages 2–5 years, meets on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 1–4 p.m. At Gan Yeladim each child is encouraged to make choices with respect towards him/herself, others and his/her surroundings.

Group leaders seek to nourish each child's heart and mind as their cognitive, social, emotional, and physical skills are developed, so that each child will be a well-rounded person capable of solving problems and adapting to new situations. Children are educated in a creative, supportive, and warm Jewish environment, so that each child will learn about life as a Jew.

Gan Yeladim Playgroup seeks to create a stimulating and enriching educational environment for each and every child. Group leaders are devoted to helping children learn socialization skills, building their self-confidence and teaching them the about Jewish values and rituals through songs, stories and arts and crafts. In addition, they seek to ignite a spark in each child to lay claim to his Jewish heritage and commit him or her to a lifetime passion for Jewish learning.

HABONIM-DROR CAMP TAVOR

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The local Habonim Dror youth group, Ken Pardes, offers Jewish cultural activities, homework help, and social programming for all Jewish kids ages 8–18. Events are held near the University of Michigan campus.

All Habonim Dror programming is designed help campers build personal and Jewish identity while creating a meaningful youth community.

HURON HIGH SCHOOL JEWISH STUDENT UNION

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The Huron JSU, after taking a short hiatus, was started up again in the 2011–2012 school year. There are approximately 15 members. During the first year they volunteered at Alpha House to help prepare for the holidays and had a booth at Celebrate Israel. They also did several group bonding events. The group hopes to have even more events next year and become more involved with the Ann Arbor Jewish community..

JCC YOUTH PROGRAMMING, MACCABI YOUTH GAMES, CAMP RAANANA

See Community Organizations, Jewish Community Center

TEMPLE BETH EMETH YOUTH GROUPS

See Congregations, Temple Beth Emeth

YOUNG JUDAEA

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Young Judaea is the peer-led, Zionist youth movement of Hadassah that aims to provide a positive Jewish experience through hands-on learning and fun. There are three divisions: Ofarim (grades 3–5), Tsofim (grades 6–7) and Bogrim (grades 8–12). In Ann Arbor, meetings are held at the JCC or in members' homes. Regional conventions for all levels are held during the school year. Summer programs include: Camp Young Judaea in Waupaca, Wisconsin, for grades 3–9; Camp Tel Yehudah in Barryville, New York, for grades 9–12; and summer programs in Israel for high schoolers. There are also programs in Israel for high school graduates, college juniors and young adults.

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The Jewish community's central educational resource, the Federation's Alliance for Jewish Education, provides an array of services that enhance Jewish knowledge, identity and pride. The Alliance provides a support system for all congregational schools, nursery through grade 12, including teacher training and consultation and innovative curriculum development, and specialized assistance for children with special needs. Children with special needs attend weekly classes sponsored by the Alliance. In addition, Jewish Experiences for Families creates programs that help families strengthen their Jewish identity. The Alliance offers ongoing and one-time adult educational courses through the Lifelong Learning Classes and the Florence Melton Adult Mini School, and community-wide programming for teens. It is also home to the Teachers' Resource Center.

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The Jewish Community Centers of Metropolitan Detroit strive to enrich lives by conveying the importance of personal identity, social values and well-being within the Jewish and general community. This is accomplished through the offering of educational, cultural and recreational programs which strengthen the body and mind.

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Robert Cohen, executive director

The Jewish Community Relations Council links the Jewish and non-Jewish communities. It unifies and mobilizes the community around high-priority domestic and international concerns and deals with public officials and the media on major issues.

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Cover Design

This year's cover design was created by *Washtenaw Jewish News* graphic designer Dennis Platte, from a photograph of a mosaic wall hanging at the Jewish Community Center of Washtenaw County. The mosaic was created as a group educational art project at Celebrate Israel in 2007. This project was designed and supervised by artists Gail Rosenbloom Kaplan and Dani Katsir.

Gail Rosenbloom Kaplan is a working artist with a studio in Farmington Hills. Her portfolio of work includes trompe l'oeil clay, glass mosaics, printmaking and mixed media. She has exhibited in Michigan and internationally, including at the University of Michigan Hospital.

Dani Katsir, a full-time glass artist, was born in Hungary and immigrated to Israel as a child. When Katsir retired from the Israeli Air Force, he and his wife moved to Michigan. Katzir specializes in three-dimensional glass objects and in Judaica.

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Keeping Kosher in Ann Arbor

by Marcie Greenfield

If you're keeping a kosher home in Washtenaw County, there are plenty of options. Hiller's and Trader Joe's are your best bet. Both offer a wide variety of kosher products and fresh kosher meat. Whole Foods, People's Food Co-op, Arbor Farms, Busch's, Plum Market and Costco add to the abundance of vegetarian and Kosher foods available locally.

Hiller's, a Michigan-owned grocery store with several locations around the Detroit metro area, has the largest selection of kosher products, with dedicated kosher sections in the grocery, frozen and refrigerated aisles. They offer fresh and frozen kosher beef, chicken and turkey, and they often have frozen kosher duck. Hiller's also has an extensive selection of kosher cold cuts that they will slice on a machine only used for kosher meat. They also have the greatest choices for Passover. Ask at the service desk if you don't see what you want because they may be able to order it.

Trader Joe's has a printed list of kosher products sold there (including a list with details about the kosher symbols on their packages). You can get the list at the store or on their website (traderjoes.com) under products & guides. They usually stock most kosher fresh chicken options, turkey breast and ground turkey, ribeye steak, brisket and ground beef.

Costco has recently opened a store in Ann Arbor, and they offer many Kosher products. They sell frozen Empire cooked chicken tenders, family-size packages of Aarons cold cuts (roast turkey and corned beef) and Hebrew National hot dogs.

Kroger, Meijer and Busch's sell Hebrew National hot dogs and the normal grocery store items. You can find kosher wine at many stores, including Hiller's, Whole Foods, Stadium Market, Morgan and York, Plum Market and A&L Wine Castle. Just Baked, an Ann Arbor bakery with multiple locations in the metro area, is certified kosher (dairy).

There also are plenty of vegetarian and vegan shopping options at the People's Food Coop, Whole Foods (they also have a list of kosher foods sold there, a small frozen kosher section and some fresh Kosher chicken) and Arbor Farms.

About 45 minutes away is a full-service Kosher butcher (Harvard Row Kosher Meat) and bakeries (Bake Station and Zeman's). In addition, the area's largest all-Kosher grocery store, One Stop Kosher in Oak Park, includes fresh meat and produce, fresh-sliced deli meats, cooked foods and a large selection of wine.

Most restaurants in town offer vegetarian and vegan options. Seva has been a strictly vegetarian restaurant since 1973. Around the corner is Earthern Jar, a vegetarian and vegan Indian food buffet. Jazzy Veggie on Main Street offers a full menu of creative vegetarian and vegan fare. Hut-k Chaat, one of Ann Arbor's food carts with an additional eat-in location on Packard near Platt, offers an all-vegetarian menu with vegan options. Another food cart, The Lunch Room, is totally vegan.

The Ann Arbor Chabad House provides classes and assistance to community members who are interested in kashering their kitchen and keeping kosher. Call (734) 995-3276 for details. Delivery from several kosher restaurants, carryout places and bakeries located in Detroit area can be arranged through the Chabad House for a small fee.

To stay abreast of recent happenings in the kosher world, you can subscribe to KosherGram, published by Va'ad Harabonim (Rabbinical Council) of Detroit. Call (248) 559-5005 to be put on the mailing list or go to their website at cordetroit.com. Kashrut alerts also are posted on the Orthodox Union website, ou.org, and koshermichigan.com.

The following Ann Arbor stores offer kosher foods:

- Arbor Farms, 2103 West Stadium Blvd.
- Costco, 771 Airport Blvd.
- Hiller's Market, 3615 Washtenaw Ave.
- Just Baked, 2463A West Stadium Blvd.
- People's Food Coop, 216 North 4th Ave.
- Trader Joe's, 2398 East Stadium Blvd.
- Whole Foods Market, 3135 Washtenaw Ave.

The following stores are located in cities about 45 minutes away:

- Bake Station, 30760 Southfield Road, Southfield; 29581 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
- Harvard Row Kosher Meat, 6221 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield
- One Stop Kosher Food Market, 25155 Greenfield Road, Southfield
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October 25, 12 noon
Tatjana Lichtenstein, Frankel Fellow
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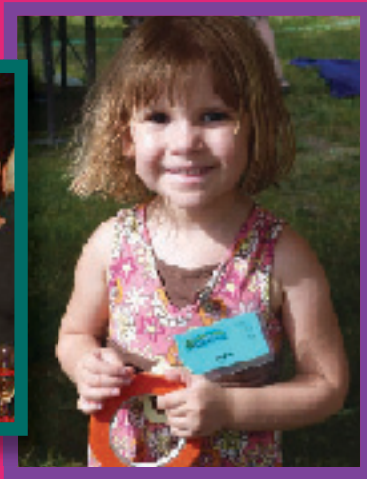

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